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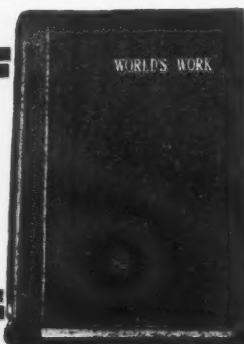
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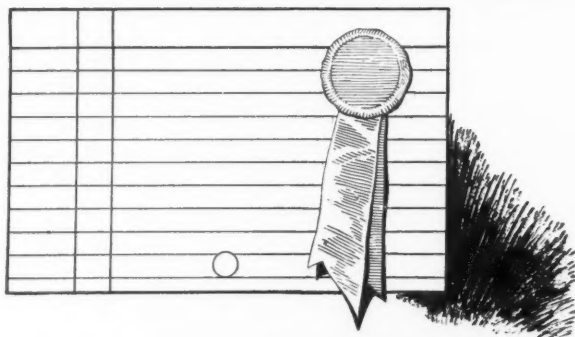
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## The Library of the League of Nations'

By FLORENCE WILSON, Librarian

I AM constantly being asked why the League of Nations has a library. This always surprises me as I think of the library as the very foundation of the League idea—as an absolute necessity and a great opportunity. The League aims to secure mutual understanding between nations thru mutual knowledge, and this requires a library that will express the culture and civilization of its various members. It has also been agreed that justice based on facts and not on political expediency shall be the determining factor in future international disputes. It is then the duty of the Library of the League of Nations to collect these facts and to make them available. This ideal was at work during the World War. Each warring nation organized a research section to aid its statesmen who would be called upon to draft a peace treaty. In England there was the Historical Section of the Foreign Office, in France there was the Comité d'Etudes of the Sorbonne, in America Colonel House's Inquiry. It always seemed as if the League must pool the efforts thus made by the various countries and continue the work.

The object then of the Library of the League of Nations should be first, a working library for the League so that decisions may be based on facts, and second a library that will so express the civilization and culture of the various countries that the peoples of the world will better understand each other and, thru understanding, will be at peace.

It will be necessary to describe briefly the League as it is now organized so as to explain what kind of a working library is required. First, the Council and the Assembly may be compared to the Upper and Lower Houses of a National Parliament. These meetings bring to Geneva the leading statesmen of the world who require a library such as each nation provides for its national parliament. The various permanent

commissions in Health, Transit, Economic and financial questions, Opiums, etc., etc., bring to Geneva at stated intervals specialists in these various subjects who require a comprehensive reference library in their special fields. Then there are conferences from time to time on special questions as for example that called to draft the Convention on Upper Silesia, a conference which was in session for about six months. If you study the Convention which has more articles than the Treaty of Versailles you can readily understand that many demands were made on the Library. All of these meetings are attended by leading journalists and distinguished visitors. Students of international relations frequently visit the Secretariat for source material on international affairs. But by far the greatest demands on the Library are made by the Permanent Secretariat, numbering over 340, who are constantly at work at Geneva. The Secretariat might better be named an International Civil Service. All the preparatory and "follow up" work of the Council, Assembly, Commissions and Conferences is done by the Secretariat. Too much cannot be said of the importance of this body of workers. It is the great co-ordinating centre for all international activities. It must be ready to arrange immediately for a world's conference to settle an urgent dispute and it must do the "follow up" work essential if an international conference is to be a success. This is of such vast importance that it does not seem inopportune to digress for a minute. I should like to give an example first of the importance of being able to convene immediately an international conference and then the importance of having a permanent organization for "follow up" work. Before the Permanent Secretariat was organized it required from six to nine months to convene a conference for international affairs. Recently there was trouble in the Balkans of a serious nature. Albania's boundary had not been decided and the Jugoslavs were invading Albania. Albania appealed to the League.

\* Paper read at the meeting of Eastern College Librarians at Columbia University, December 2, 1922.



Within a week the Yugoslavs and the Albanians were discussing their differences before the Council of the League of Nations and trouble was avoided. If machinery such as this had been available in 1914 it is safe to assume that there might not have been a World War. Then one example of the "follow up" work. In 1910 there was a convention drafted for the prevention of traffic in women and children. In 1921 when the League called a conference on this subject only thirteen states had signed the 1910 Convention. This new Conference made the 1910 Convention more drastic and within a short time there were thirty-one signatures to it.

The Secretariat is the busiest organization with which I have ever been connected. The work is always urgent and of the utmost importance. It is working constantly under pressure and at times the general services must be divided into two or three shifts and work all night. It is divided into sections as follows, which might be compared to the departments of an university: Economics and Finance, Legal, Administrative Commissions, Transit, Disarmament, Military, Naval and Air questions, Health, Political, Social, Mandates, Information, International Bureaus, Publications, Translating and central services, such as Registry and Distribution Departments. The Economic and Finance Section issues a *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, is constantly making special inquiries and special reports in connection with the Economic and Finance Committee, as for example an inquiry into conditions of Austria and Russia, a plan for the reconstruction of Austria, various reports on public finance, bills of exchange, etc., etc. In preparation for the various conferences such as the Brussels conference numerous investigations are made and reports written. The Legal Section must be ready to advise at each conference and on each question. The Administrative Commission Section is making inquiries into minority questions which require ethnographic, historical and statistical studies. The administration of the Saar Basin and Danzig are under the general direction of this section. The Transit Section makes investigations and prepares studies in international transit problems; the preparation for the Transit Conference at Barcelona, for example, required considerable research work. For disarmament various investigations and studies are being made, such as one on the public wealth of nations; another report was based on budgets and budgetary studies. The Section on Military, Naval and Air questions is busy on a comparative study of these problems. The Health Section has a current publication called *Epidemiological Intelligence*. It has made investigations and reports on special

subjects and is constantly engaged with the preparatory and "follow up" work for the Health Committee and conferences such as that of Warsaw. All political questions, such as the question of Upper Silesia, the Åland Islands, Albania, the Polish-Lithuanian disputes, etc., are referred to the Political Section. The Social Section is investigating the traffic in drugs and opium, etc. The studies are based on production and consumption. It is engaged also upon the question of the traffic in women and children. The preparatory and "follow up" work for the international conferences on these questions is most important. The Mandate Section is engaged in a study of conditions in the mandated territories and in the work of the Mandate Commission. The Information Section prepares outside information for the League and League information for the public. They prepare a review of the press for the use of the Secretariat and a *Monthly Summary* of League activities for the public. There is a special provision made in the Covenant for international organizations which requires the collection and dissemination of information relating to them. This work is under the supervision of one of the Under Secretary Generals. The Committee on Intellectual Co-operation is also in his charge. This committee is engaged in a study of co-operation in university work, bibliography, condition of the intellectual workers, and other aspects of intellectual co-operation.

From a close study of the Covenant of the League of Nations and a study of the activities of the League just described the scope of the Library is easily determined. It must contain a complete collection on international law and national statutes, a comprehensive collection in economics, finance, statistics, political science, history, health, sociology, ethnography and geography, maps, and special collections on special subjects, such as minorities, disarmament, opium, colonial studies, etc., etc.

As the League is primarily concerned with current affairs the leading periodicals form an important part of the collection. It is necessary for the members of the Secretariat to know what is in the current journals in reference to the subjects for which they are responsible. As it is impossible for each person carefully to examine each issue the Library prepares a weekly index to journals which appears in two parts, e. g. economics and finance, political and social. These are arranged alphabetically by subjects (the Library of Congress subject headings are used so that this index will supplement the card catalog). It is prepared on cards for permanent reference and on sheets. The sheets





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are circulated thruout the Secretariat, checked and returned to the Library. The Library then sends the journals checked to the various members requiring them. This index has been essential as there are many new subjects brought before the League on which information can only be found in periodicals. It is hoped later to extend this work to government publications.

As the Labour Office is three miles away from the Secretariat it has been necessary to have a separate library for its use. All books on labour are secured by the Labour Office and the League of Nations Library excludes labour from its collection. Every effort is made to prevent duplication. There is, however, some overlapping in laws and statistics which may be avoided later when the two offices are closer together. The Swiss Government has given land to the League and a building for the Labour Office will be erected near the Secretariat Offices.

While it was a comparatively simple matter to decide on what the Library should contain and to make a general plan for the work, it was more difficult to carry it out. When I began work in London in December, 1919, I found that a library was needed immediately. It was not possible to lock the door and properly

organize. It was necessary to function at once as a comprehensive research library. To meet the daily demands was our first aim and the books needed for immediate use received our first attention. Every book is a "rush book." It has, therefore, not been possible to keep the collection perfectly balanced. The general works of reference, government documents, law economics and statistics have received our greatest attention. We have been receiving current publications from all governments since January, 1920, and we have secured many of older date necessary for our work. We have secured complete files of all the important international law journals, collections of treaties and diplomatic papers such as the French "Yellow Book," and the collection of statistics is improving daily. We already have a good collection of national statutes and official gazettes. When a new Convention is made it is necessary to know what national laws are in force in reference to it and afterwards it is necessary to watch all future legislation affecting it. We are gradually building up the collections in the other subjects. We have made considerable progress in history, health, transit, geography and maps and certain special collections. There are at present about thirty-five thousand items.

The Library of the League has a great responsibility and a great opportunity. It is its duty to see that the officials of the Secretariat have the necessary facts and knowledge so that the reports made for use of the Council, Assembly, Commissions and to the governments of states which are members of the League are well documented and that those responsible for world affairs shall have full knowledge on all subjects brought to their attention. It has a great opportunity to have at hand a well selected library, containing all important information about each country of the world as an aid to mutual understanding between the various nations.

The Library is well placed in the center of all League activities. There are committee rooms on all sides. The delegates often leave the committee rooms to discuss quietly in the Library or they see an opportunity to snatch a cup of tea between speeches. M. Pađerewski frequently walks thru the Library. M. Viviani has been seen seated at the periodical table with a cup of tea and a plate of cakes. Lord Robert Cecil and Dr. Nansen frequently have tea at a Library table, while Lord Balfour and M. Bourgeois find a quiet corner in one of the adjoining library rooms. The reading room is the dining room of the former Hotel National, which now serves admirably as the Offices of the Secretariat. It is a very attractive room, large, light and cheerful. The windows are so large and so numerous that it seems to have glass walls and from three sides you look into splendid trees or have glorious vistas of the Lake. The room is about ninety feet long and very nearly the size and shape of the Guild Hall Library in London. The oriental rugs, which formed part of the furnishings which were bought with the hotel, add greatly to the beauty of the room. The room lends itself to library arrangement. The Library Bureau shelves in art green finish form a series of alcoves on one side of the room, with a reference alcove on the other side.

The shelving has always attracted attention. When the League moved from its headquarters in London to Geneva the Library, then containing several thousand volumes, had to be arranged in a week's time for the first Assembly. It was quite impossible to secure shelving in time. Packing boxes were therefore made so that they could serve temporarily as shelving. This created a sensation. When the Brazilian Ambassador arrived to inspect the new building he looked contemptuously at the shelves and said "We have better shelves than this in Brazil." The next year the new shelving was in place and he was delighted with it and

said, "Splendid; where can I buy it? We must have this kind in Brazil." We have had so many distinguished visitors admire and wish to secure it that I feel that we have served as a splendid advertising agency for the Library Bureau. The Catalog Room and the Librarian's office are adjoining. A half flight of stairs leads to the entresol and to two rooms, one of which serves as a reference room for national laws and the other as a room for the receipt of documents. The room underneath the Reading Room serves as a stack room for government documents. An adjoining room is being arranged as a reference room for documents and statistics. A new stack room is being built on the same floor. There is also a Newspaper Room, where a small number of newspapers are available.

Before I sailed for London in 1919 I prepared a report in which I carefully outlined the scope of the Library, my plan of work and the Library methods to be adopted. This was circulated to the Directors of the various Sections of the Secretariat. I rather expected that the scope might give rise to controversy, but it was the greatest surprise to find the report on my desk with the following marginal note opposite the paragraph on methods: "Miss Wilson is too national in her ideas." I am afraid that they were right; I have a definite national bias when it is a question of library methods. The morning after my arrival a delegation arrived armed to the teeth with books on classification and pointed warningly to criticisms of the classification I had suggested. It was agreed that I should immediately visit the libraries of France, Belgium and Holland to correct my national bias. It seemed most important to start the Library right and to employ the best library technique, for the seat of the League is destined to become a world centre, but it was at the same time necessary to consider the international aspect of the Library. Letters, for example, are not international, while figures are. This was an important consideration in the selection of the classification. A classification with a numbered notation was necessary. It was finally agreed that the Brussels expansion of the Dewey Decimal classification should be adopted. Altho it had originated in America, the fact that it had been expanded in Belgium and translated into French gave it the desired international aspect, also the decimal classification has been adopted in many countries in some form or other. It is in use in the library of the London School of Economics and in libraries on the Continent, and is known in the Far East. In France and Holland I have often found librarians who, when they say that they use it, mean

that they arrange their catalogs by it, not their books. It is in use to some extent in official government offices in Holland. While it is as we all know not ideal, every one seems satisfied with it with the exception of those who consider that it is a fatal error to class a library by subjects at all! No one objected to the other library methods suggested, and we employ those found in a standard American library. There is a dictionary catalog in which Library of Congress cards are in use and Library of Congress subject headings are followed. The shelf list with headings in French and with an alphabetic list of specific subjects in French makes a perfect "Catalogue méthodique" for the French speaking public. The catalog, the open shelves and American methods are of increasing interest to foreign scholars, statesmen and librarians. Several professors have confided to me that they have never been able to consult the shelves in their own university libraries. I have had a number of applications from young women of various countries—Holland, Switzerland, Italy, etc.—for posts in the Library because they wish to learn American library methods and cannot afford the journey to the United States. The Library receives many visiting librarians who have heard that we employ American methods. They all show the greatest interest. The week before I left, the Association of Swiss Librarians visited the Library and examined it all in great detail. I find throughout Europe a new and growing interest in library technique. There is, as you all know, in most countries no standardized method; there is a national tendency and the working out of this national tendency depends on the individuality of each librarian. It has been interesting to hear some of the older librarians who realize that a change is needed discuss plans made in 1830.

The personnel of the Secretariat must be selected from every state which is a member of the League, and every effort is made to keep a balance of nationality. This is especially difficult for the departments such as the Library where technical training is most important. I thought at one time that my difficulties were at an end when I heard that Norway had sent a great many of its citizens to study in the American library schools, but I soon found that the Staff Committee would only consider a limited number of Norwegians and that the balance of nationality would have to be considered in each department as well as in the Secretariat as a whole. It is rather entertaining when you need additional staff to say I am short of Italians, Norwegians, etc. I have asked the library schools to send me a list of graduates other than American, but I have not had many names. It is not possible to add Americans to the staff

until the United States takes its place in the League. Most of the Americans—and there are only five or six of them on the Secretariat—were connected with the Peace Conference and were engaged in 1919 before the Treaty was ratified. There are at present seventeen on the Library staff, five of whom have been in American library schools, the others have university training or scholarly background. Women with university training are more difficult to find in Europe than in America. All members of the staff speak English and French and in many cases know many other languages, German, all the Scandinavian languages, Italian, and the Slav languages. The Library staff is a miniature League of Nations. There are Norwegians, Danes, Swiss, Italians, Poles, French, English, Americans, Canadians and an Anglo-Indian. The difficulties that countries have in understanding each other are emphasized when met at close quarters, but it is not only interesting but encouraging to see how soon they all discover that the things objected to or found different are only surface deep, and that, after all, they are fundamentally the same. The repartee is often entertaining and the efforts of adjusting to new customs interesting. I have just received a letter from Geneva saying that things were running smoothly in my absence except that there was a difference of opinion about the windows. The English like to work in a room without heat and with the windows open; Continentals prefer much heat and no ventilation, and I can perfectly sympathise with both sides. You see, America is needed in international disputes. The language difficulty also causes some misunderstanding. Even if one acquires a practical speaking knowledge of a foreign language, it is very difficult to acquire a polite vocabulary. Complaints have been made that certain members of the staff were rude. In talking it over I always met with regrets and with the explanation that it was difficult enough to speak English without being expected to be polite in it. This all proves that the basic scheme for the League is sound—mutual understanding based on mutual knowledge will bring peace and friendship.

An article in the *Industrial Educational Magazine* for November by Thomas F. McHugh, principal of the Boys' Continuation School, Newark, N. J., tells how the boys raised money to start the school library under their own management and control. They began by collecting nearly \$300. The article is of interest perhaps more as showing what may be done thru the library in developing school spirit rather than in developing the library idea itself.

## The Leipzig Fair

AS early as 1156 the Leipzig Fair was in existence, writes Theodore W. Koch. In 1268 it received an important franchise from Margrave Deitrich von Meissen. "Even if we are at war with other countries," declared he, "their merchants shall enjoy the privilege of trade with protection of themselves and their goods." Nevertheless, various wars reduced the prosperity of the Fair until after the Thirty Years' War, when it took on new life, and great activity in building resulted. To this activity Leipzig is indebted for the stately palaces of the eighteenth century in the baroque style. The city was so largely rebuilt that Goethe as a young student praised it as a modern city. In former times goods were for sale at these fairs, but the modern fair exhibits samples only, from which orders are taken. The increased success of the fair dates from the separation of the retail from the exhibition fairs. The active growth of the latter has resulted in the centralization of different departments in special buildings constructed for the purpose. A constantly increasing number of visitors has justified rebuilding older business houses and private homes to gain more floor space. The number of exhibitors has increased from 1377 in 1894 to

4253 in 1914, and 12,586 in 1922. In 1914 there were 20,000 buyers, of whom 4220 were foreigners. In 1922 the late spring fair boasted 155,000 buyers, 32,000 of whom were foreigners.

Describing his visit to the fall book fair in the Book Review Section of the *Detroit Free Press* for October 29, Dr. Koch says that the Bugra, as the fair is popularly called—a word made up of "Buch" and "Graphik"—was held in a four-story building in the Peters-Strasse. In addition to the stalls and rooms occupied by the 165 exhibiting publishers there were also exhibitions from manufacturers of paper, school supplies, colored prints and etchings. The second and third floors were given up chiefly to well-known publishers. Nothing exhibited was for sale, but representatives were present to take orders for one copy or wholesale lots. The American librarian found it best to go from booth to booth with his Leipzig agent or representative who arranged for the placing of the orders for any item selected. A good agent was often able to reduce the Valutazuschlag very considerably by indicating to the publisher's agent that the proposed purchases were for an international library, that they were not for sale, or were for the German-speaking people in the United States. Prices were extremely uncertain, and when put on a dollar basis as occasionally happened made it preferable to forego direct ordering for the possibility of picking up the item later on in the antiquarian trade.

Almost no publishers of scientific books were represented at the fair. University professors and librarians would not find much to interest them outside the field of literature and history, with some philosophy, travel literature and occasional maps and atlases.

### Children's Room

SHE was librarian and he that read  
Bent to his book and pushed the pages back  
With a flat palm, the five square fingers spread,  
Till she could hear the pages rise and crack.  
So she stood softly, stooped above his chair,  
While he looked up with a far-travelled glance,  
And heard as best he might—for all the air  
Was black with battle, crash of sword on lance,  
Some come to fabled cities and their lore,  
Doubtful or timid; some will never laugh!  
Here was a knight who thundered at the door,  
And hacked his way thru every paragraph;  
Who took by storm the tale; slew, ravaged,  
burned,

And in his zeal crushed every page he turned!  
HORTENSE FLEXNER in the *Literary Review*  
of the *New York Evening Post*.



Die Leipziger Bücher-Messe

A SCENE IN THE BUGRA



# Librarianship—a Profession or a Business?

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I CANNOT agree with LIBRARY JOURNAL's editorial comment\* on Mr. Ferguson's article "Humanizing the A. L. A.," which refers to it as a "bright review of the Detroit Conference." The article commences with a diatribe against the American Library Association continues with an indictment of its individual members as beings of very inferior ability, and concludes with a few notes on "dynamic Detroit." Its brightness was not so scintillating that I was completely dazzled, even by the brilliant verbal cartoon of the librarian sending his voice "trickling down his collar." To me, the article seems a combination of ill-founded, generalization and hypercritical censure of a few specific weaknesses. The tone and tendency of the whole is unnecessarily bitter and unwholesomely destructive.

From the specific criticisms it appears that the distressing failings of librarians are manifested in inability to manage properly a huge convention in a crowded city, in failure to transact business with Fordish efficiency and to wrest from the public adequate financial support, and in inability to speak in a large hall with the dramatic effect of a trained orator. Generalizing, Mr. Ferguson finds the members of the A. L. A. "too unearthly, too sublimated, too far off the ground to be able to accomplish their mission of high importance on this earth." They are "still cloistered, still myopic, still quietly unobtrusive."

Mr. Ferguson's specific criticisms have been made many times before, and they may be allowed to stand, *nem. con.* Yet I believe that in many respects sufficient improvement has been made in recent years to entitle the despised genus of librarian to a few words of encouragement to offset the sarcastic ridicule. Our conferences have been sufficiently well managed, under what Mr. Ferguson admits were heavy handicaps, to exempt the leaders from such severe criticism unless it is accompanied by more constructive suggestions than anything which he offers. Librarians have begun to assert themselves in the matter of salaries, and have already had some success. They have endeavored to secure more adequate appropriations; and, if they have not yet persuaded the people to pay for public libraries with no more unwillingness than they pay for public schools, still I believe that most libraries have had a fair amount of success in the last

few years, when we consider the period of depression and retrenchment thru which we are passing. On the whole, I believe there is some hope for our libraries, and for the A. L. A.

Mr. Ferguson's generalizations are without justification, except by tradition and perhaps by isolated examples here and there. How can anyone attend any library conference without being powerfully impressed by the earnestness, the unselfish enthusiasm, the ardent devotion to their profession, with which the group as a whole, and most of the individual members thereof, are inspired? Mr. Ferguson, however, was not at all impressed by this, altho from this spirit has come the past development of the library movement, and on this spirit depends its future success. On the other hand, who can watch an A. L. A. group turn from work to the recreation and play which form an important part of every conference, and accuse them of being "unearthly, sublimated, too far off the ground?" Who can observe the active interest which most librarians take in their community life, and the recognition which most of them have won as vital parts of that life, and countenance the charge that they are "still cloistered, still myopic, still quietly unobtrusive?" Most of us, indeed, are slightly further removed from the "noise and bustle" of our communities than the political ward-heeler, the newspaper reporter, and the "man in the street" generally. There may even be a few librarians among us who are still in some ways "quietly unobtrusive." But this aloofness, this unobtrusiveness, is not sufficient to justify even the general public in clinging to the old-time conventional portrait of a librarian as an unearthly kind of creature of the type depicted by Mr. Ferguson. It certainly is not sufficient to justify a librarian himself in perpetuating the misconception by such sweeping charges as Mr. Ferguson has made against the A. L. A.

Moreover, such aloofness from public life as may still exist is, in general, an indication not of complete detachment from the community, but of difference in relationship, of difference in viewpoint, between the librarian and the man in the street, the man who is absorbed entirely in the pursuit of material prosperity. For my own part, I believe it is desirable that this difference should continue; that librarians should not be drawn into the very center of the whirlpool of modern life, and be made utterly indistinguishable. But this depends on the view which

\* L. J. 1 Nov. 22.

we take of the true purpose of the library and the proper functions of the librarian, and I suspect that my view differs from that of Mr. Ferguson.

What is it that Mr. Ferguson means by being "humanized"? What does he want for the A. L. A.? Vaguely, the A. L. A. "stands in need of being brought more closely in touch with human affairs"; it should become "a cog of first importance in the big world machine"; librarians should obtain "knowledge of new conditions and people, and an interest beyond their field, limited too often to a view from behind the charging desk." Mr. Ferguson seems to be pointing the way out of our sequestered sleep, but he does not give his directions explicitly enough to make them intelligible. Of constructive criticism in his paper, there is none, save as we may infer that the librarian should become the converse of all that he has depicted. Of the method by which this metamorphosis may be brought about, there is no suggestion, save the unsatisfactory hint that, "if strenuously sought," what he considers the "essential qualities and characteristics" might be attained. What these essential qualities and characteristics are, we can only infer from the nature of his criticisms and of the things to which he points as being worthy of emulation.

In the *Nation* of November 1 is an article on "Michigan: The Fordizing of a Pleasant Peninsula." My own knowledge of Michigan is confined to a week in Detroit and one day in Ann Arbor, and I do not know how reliable the writer's statements may be, or how just his criticisms. But the article seems to me to portray well the most pronounced tendency of American life today. It begins with a quotation of the Latin legend on the Michigan state seal, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you." Continuing, the writer says: "Actually, it is with quite different sentiments that the Michigander looks about him.—Some day some convention of salesmen will agree to a much more appropriate coat-of-arms for the new Michigan. It will picture the lean cheeks and the death's-head smile of Henry Ford, in the halo of a spare tire, flanked by chimneys and flivvers on a ground of soot. Underneath, in place of the stately Latin, will be inscribed the more salesmanlike legend, "Always in the Lead." It seems to me that it must be something like this that Mr. Ferguson wants for the A. L. A. His "essential qualities and characteristics" are capacity for business organization, for aggressive salesmanship, for big profits and financial success. Let us forget our secluded life of other days, the fact that we were once called scholars, that we were book-lovers. Let us be efficient. Let us keep "Always in the

Lead." To be humanized, we must become thoroughly Fordized.

This interpretation is justified, I believe, by the entire trend of Mr. Ferguson's remarks. Search his article carefully for a hint of one thing in the Detroit conference, professionally, which he found interesting or valuable. You will find nothing. Apparently the only things in the entire conference which met his approval were the registration fee, which indeed was too small and was inefficiently collected, but still showed that "even the A. L. A." was developing a faint trace of administrative intelligence; and the entertainment features, which he considers "events of first importance in the humanizing of the A. L. A." This, by the way, seems rather illogical, when we remember that delightful entertainment has been a feature of the annual conference for a great many years; yet, according to Mr. Ferguson, we still remain unhumanized. Are we to infer that we have not sufficiently developed this approach to salvation, and should resolve our conferences wholly into pleasure-seeking excursions?

If the conference contained nothing that was good, wherein do we find the cause of failure? We are told that our "various members do not work in co-ordination"; we are individualists, and "do not run well in the pack"; we do not transact our business, either in the Association or in the Council, with "Plan, Method, System, Precision of Action"; our conventions are not organized on a business basis; we should have "a sergeant-at-arms and an efficient corps of assistants" to see that proper order is maintained during the meetings. In general, the functioning of our "large but static order" is contrasted unfavorably with "the functioning of that great dynamic city," Detroit, in which we are shown "a good example of progress." Can there be any other conclusion than that these things exemplify the "essential qualities and characteristics?"

But if the professional side of the conference counted for nothing, and if it was sadly mismanaged on the all important business side, Mr. Ferguson, nevertheless, makes an interesting admission. "There are always, however, interesting features about these annual gatherings." Reading on, breathlessly, to see what these interesting features can possibly be, we learn that they center entirely about the annual opportunity to visit a new city or locality, where we can obtain knowledge of new conditions and people, and can open our myopic eyes to the fact that from behind our charging desks we do not see the entire world. Very good; travel has usually been admitted to have a broadening influence on the mind and vision, and to impart culture.



How was Mr. Ferguson's mind impressed by Detroit? Why, look you: The city doubled its population in ten years, jumping from half a million to a million of dynamic inhabitants. It is "a very popular convention city." "It is full of life and activity." It has cultivated the art of hospitality with surprising efficiency, and made a business of it. Its river is "made picturesque by the dachshund of water commerce, the ore vessels." As an added attraction it offers "the bewildering complexity of the Ford plant."

The bigness of it all, the busyness, the complexity, the organization, the dynamic efficiency! These are the things which impressed Mr. Ferguson at Detroit; these are the things which must be injected into the A. L. A., into our individual libraries, into ourselves as librarians. Then we shall become "a cog of first importance in the big world machine." Then we shall be humanized.

These things which Mr. Ferguson cites were, of course, very impressive. But remember that they were not a side attraction; to him they seem to have been the only things in connection with the conference which were worth while. We are prepared to read his comment concerning the recruiting problem. "As a matter of cold fact," he says, "is the problem of recruiting not merely one of figures? — Yes, just plain money in sufficient quantity will fill the library ranks; and I, for one have no fear as to the quality of the recruits." Now of course success in recruiting depends very largely on ability to offer adequate remuneration, in salaries that are something more than a bare living wage, and are at least comparable with the salaries paid for positions of equal importance in other occupations. But Mr. Ferguson's way of phrasing this fact, taken in its context, seems to imply something more than this. "Plain money, in sufficient quantity, will do anything."

If this is not his idea, it at least is the idea which would follow logically from emulation of the things which he finds so admirable. "Just plain money in sufficient quantity" is all that the business man would tell us that we need; but it would not keep up the standards under which the library profession has hitherto developed. We might be more successful organizers; we might be publicly recognized as on a par with prosperous salesmen and promoters; but the profession of librarianship would degenerate from a profession of service to others into a promising business field of hustling competition and self-serving rivalry. This may, perhaps, seem far-fetched; but once we have accepted the "big business" view that plain money will do anything, we are on our way to the view that plain money is the only thing that is worth while.

In his essay on "Learning" John Jay Chapman says: "We have all heard men bemoan the time they have spent over Latin and Greek on the ground that these studies did not fit them for business,—as if a thing must be worthless if it can be neither eaten nor drunk. It is hard to explain the value of education to men who have forgotten the meaning of education: its symbols convey nothing to them." And, further: "It has thus come about in America that our universities are beginning to be run as business colleges. They advertise, they compete with each other, they pretend to give good value to their customers. They desire to increase their trade, they offer social advantages and business openings to their patrons. — This miscarriage of education has been developed and is being conducted by some of our greatest educators, thru a perfectly unconscious adaptation of their own souls to the spirit of the age. The underlying philosophy of these men might be stated as follows: 'There is nothing in life nobler than for a man to improve his condition and the condition of his children. Learning is a means to this end.' Such is the current American conception of education. How far we have departed from the idea of education as a search for truth, or as the vehicle of spiritual expression, may be seen herein."

There must, of course, be in all of us an "unconscious adaptation of our souls to the spirit of the age." The course of library development must be responsive to the spirit of the age. In so far as this law has been responsible for the modern development of library service along lines of practical utility, commercial, mechanical, sociological, and what not, the attendant changes in the nature of our libraries could be regretted by no one. Nobody would for one moment wish to return to the time when libraries, like other educational institutions, were confined in their scope mainly to the classics, belles-lettres, and cultural education; when the librarian was a scholarly recluse, living only in and for his books, "removed from intimate contact with the noise and bustle of his community." But there is such a thing, I believe, as being too responsive to the spirit of the age; of allowing it to absorb us too completely. Mr. Chapman has shown, fairly and sanely I believe, how our colleges and universities have reacted to the view that money will do anything. Are our libraries to be as seriously revolutionized in the same manner?

I must confess that I, for one, dislike the thought of the older idea of education as something of cultural, non-commercial value, being entirely supplanted. Vocational training, courses in business administration, in applied economics,

and many other recent innovations, are excellent things in themselves, if they are not carried to an extreme. So, too, was the older education an excellent thing, when not carried to an extreme. The library must respond to the spirit of the age. But can it not also hold itself sufficiently aloof to preserve, as it were, the balance of power; to help keep alive the best of the older régime, while helping to further the development of what is best in the new? Can it not render service of practical value, and still combat the idea that the only education that is worth anything is education which will fit people for business, which will help them improve their own, and their children's, material condition?

Many libraries are doing just this. But they will cease to do it if they accept the view that "just plain money in sufficient quantity" will do anything, and is the only desideratum in life. In the last generation we have made considerable advances toward more efficient business administration. In the future we shall make still further advances. But between professional workers and business men there are certain differences which are inevitable and ineradicable; differences of education, of training, of object, of method, of viewpoint. Those differences we should not try to remove, if we want to retain our place among the professions. We cannot copy the achievements of big business without copying its methods. We cannot successfully copy the methods without absorbing the spirit. We cannot absorb the spirit, and remain a body of professional workers, of non-commercial ideals, whose object is "the diffusion of a knowledge of good books."

This is why I believe as I have stated above, that it is well for librarians to stand just a little aloof from the thickest of the modern struggle for life; to view the world with a little detachment. Even tho it may expose us to some derision as unearthly, sublimated, cloistered, and myopic, I, for one, do not care. For I believe that our influence will be better, stronger, and more enduring, than if we succumb entirely to the school of modern dynamics.

### The Federated Library Convention

*To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:*

I have read with much interest the discussion by Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lee in a recent number of the *LIBRARY JOURNAL*. In my position as secretary of the National Association of State Libraries, I noted the absence of proper provisions for consultation between members having kindred interests.

Leaving aside the social amenities of the conference, in a large city convention it is extremely difficult to locate people and the lack of ade-

quate facilities for group conferences of a large or small nature was evident at the Detroit convention. In spite of inadequate facilities, a series of spontaneous group meetings were organized by librarians representing banks, insurance and art departments and in addition certain industrial librarians conferred with a representative of the Packard Motor Car Company concerning market analysis.

The State Librarians found themselves housed in the same hotel with a convention of Macca-bees. The crowded public rooms did not present suitable meeting places and thru various exigencies the meetings of the Association were transferred from one room to another at the whim of the management.

During the conference I suggested to Secretary Milan that another year we should arrange a suitable consultation foyer or concourse where the various groups could be assigned designated spaces and where persons interested in a sub-division, section or department of any one of the various Associations in conference could meet for consultation and for small group meetings. The newcomer at our conference is at a disadvantage. He or she is apt to know few persons and in the confusion of meeting rooms drifts aimlessly and becomes dissatisfied with the entire conference. A consultation concourse located in a convenient portion of the headquarters hotel would be of great benefit to the red ribbon wearers and would enable the various members to focus their interests to a far greater degree than in previous conferences.

Mr. Lee's title, "The Federated Library Convention," would place the various Associations meeting in conference on the same plane and such a suggestion may be worth considering from the point of view of publicity.

I hope that the pungent criticisms of Mr. Lee and Mr. Ferguson will not fall on barren ground, but will have a bearing on future conferences of the A. L. A.

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In the November *North American Review*, John Cotton Dana writes on "Changes in Reading," discussing in his characteristic way the effect of recent social and economic changes upon reading, and conversely the effect of reading upon these changes. Among the changes discussed are the development of the power press, advertising and the use of print for propaganda purposes, by governments, and institutions. According to Mr. Dana the number of books loaned by public libraries decreased as the movie became popular, a statement which does not coincide with the experiences of many libraries.

# A System of Libraries of U. S. Government Publications\*

LIBRARIANS, whose experience goes back over a period of twenty-five or thirty years, realize that publications of the United States Government have attained in recent years a much wider usefulness and have come to have a far greater educational value for the general public than was dreamed of a quarter of a century ago.

Without doubt much of this progress is the direct result of study given to the problem by librarians and to the co-operation of the government and the A. L. A. I fancy that as a rule, "Pub. Docs." are no longer relegated to a dark and dusty limbo the seclusion of which is disturbed by a "Gentleman with a Duster," perhaps only once in every two or three years.

But there seems to be a possibility of much further advancement in bringing government publications to the front in popular education and general utility.

In responding to the questionnaire sent out by the Subcommittee on Public Documents last year, I ventured to include in brief outline, a plan I had in mind for libraries to be established by the government and to be distributing centers of U. S. Government publications for all other libraries in the state.

This plan, so far as I know, is original but perhaps because it was sent to the committee too late, or perhaps because it was thought to be too visionary, it was not included in the report based upon the questionnaire and made at the Swampscott meeting. At the request of Mr. Meyer, Chairman of the Committee on Public Documents, my suggestions of last year are now repeated, as follows:

1. There should be established in the capital city of each state, a library of government publications.

2. In each library of government publications there should be collected, as far as possible, every publication of the United States—past and present—also all publications of the state in which the library is situated.

3. The beginnings of these government document libraries could in many cases be made in the present state libraries, where, of course, a large percentage of the Federal Government publications, in some states is already assembled. But as soon as possible each capital city would have its government library building, which should be in close proximity to the state capitol and state library.

4. Each state library should be asked to turn over to the local United States document library all federal government publications in its possession and the state should supply, as far as possible, a complete set of its own legislative documents and other publications.

5. Each library of government publications should have as librarian a highly trained expert in this work. It would be the duty of this librarian to keep in close touch with every public library in his state; to forward, on request, any document required for temporary use in any such library, or to furnish in writing, on request, specific information to be obtained from government publications and not otherwise accessible to such public library. Information obtainable from government publications would also be furnished to any citizen of the state, thru the local public library, should there be one in the town of the citizen making inquiry, otherwise directly to the citizen.

The highly trained librarians of these libraries should be under civil service and not subject to removal at the desire of any politician. Under the direction of a central control, vested perhaps, in the Librarian of Congress, they would do a great amount of indexing, compiling, exposition and publicity work, which would result in making the literature of government publications vastly more serviceable to the country than is possible under the present system.

This system would liberate miles of shelving in costly library buildings, which shelving might then be used for books in every-day use, about six volumes, to one, of *Congressional Record*.

The depository public libraries of the first and second classes would continue to take all the scientific and many other publications of the government, but few, except the largest libraries would give many hundred feet of valuable shelf-room to long sets of *Congressional Globe*, *Congressional Record* and Senate and House documents. The space occupied by these publications and the time consumed in handling them seems, in most libraries, to be out of proportion to the good received from them. Under any such system as I have suggested there would be no excuse for the custom, still followed I believe, by some congressmen of distributing tons of public documents to be sold as waste-paper, by their loyal constituents, and the saving which would result in this and in the reduced number of documents sent to public libraries as well as other economies that might

\* Paper read at the Public Documents Round Table at Detroit, June 28, 1922.

be effected would go far towards balancing the cost of the proposed libraries.

There are many volumes of Senate and House documents which would answer fully every purpose of the student of politics, economics or history, if issued in very condensed form, provided the editing were done by competent hands.

From the shelves of our library I take at random a book which proves to be one of five fat volumes containing the stenographic reports of the debate of reciprocity with Canada, which occurred in the Senate in 1911. This I judge to have been a somewhat important and rather interesting incident in the interminable tariff discussion, but I fancy that everything essential to a sufficiently clear and thoro understanding of the whole matter might be condensed, perhaps, into one volume. Of course the full report should be printed but in a much smaller edition than is now customary. The saving would more than pay the cost of the work on the condensed edition which would be wanted in most libraries.

This document is probably only one of very many which might be treated as above suggested, to the advantage of all concerned. The proposed work of editing and condensing might be done, as already noted, in the libraries of United States publications. On the other hand, there are departmental publications which do not admit of condensation and the complete sets of which are far too bulky for small libraries, while at the same time reference to them may occasionally be desired in any small town; the Patent Office *Gazette* and complete files of the *Specifications of Patents* are important examples of this kind of publication.

The libraries of government publications should of course have complete sets of these and the librarian should be competent to handle them even to the point of making searches when required.

Assuming for the moment, the possibility of setting up a system of libraries such as I have suggested, it should be noted that they might be established one by one, or two or three each year, beginning with the more important and populous states. Adjacent states of comparatively small territory might be served by one library: Rhode Island from Boston; Vermont and New Hampshire from Concord, etc.

Possibly a trial of the proposed system might be made in connection with one or two state libraries that are exceptionally well equipped in library staffs and buildings, such for example, as Albany or Hartford.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.

November 29, 1922.

Division of Customs.

To Collectors and Other Officers of the Customs:

You are hereby instructed that the Department's regulations with respect to marking to indicate the country of origin of articles imported into the United States are not to be applied to books, catalogs and other printed matter imported by and for the account of public libraries or library associations for their own use and not for sale.

(signed) EDWARD CLIFFORD,

*Assistant Secretary.*

So ran the Treasury Department's Thanksgiving message to libraries and so ended six months of floundering in the meshes of red tape. It is extraordinary but none the less true that as much time and energy were required to get correction of this mere blunder of honest officials as to win a national tariff fight of unusually menacing character. There was a hearing before the Secretary of the Treasury, and one before an Assistant Secretary, besides six other trips to Washington, and one to Atlantic City for conferences.

The facts were never in dispute. The hardship upon libraries was at once admitted, as well as its folly. Their satisfaction of the law's intent during the thirty years of its existence was not denied. In fact the requirement to mark unquestionably foreign books was a departmental accident, and the higher officials lost no time in expressing their conviction that we should be given the desired relief, without, of course, freeing the masqueraders.

The strict constructionist, however, was also there. Consistency was his god, and six months of pleading failed to move him till the Department's desire was made too manifest to ignore and surrender came an hour after sunset. The trouble was a fear that if foreign imprints were allowed as declaring country of origin, the makers of other merchandise might allege discrimination. But, what else has a title page, and what is a title page for?

Before dismissing this incident, two other statements are necessary to the completeness of the record. The first is that the text of the present order is faulty. The libraries never asked for exemption from the Department's regulations. The order seems to grant that. Our request was for the continued recognition of our accustomed practice as lawful. To this end we



proposed "that if such imprint be on title leaf or cover and exclusively foreign, such publication shall be deemed in compliance with said Sec. 304." The effect of this formula would have been the same as that of the order actually issued, but it is free from the superficial charge of favoritism.

The final stone in the wall is an acknowledgment of our indebtedness to Senator Charles E. Townsend, of Michigan. He early took up the cudgels in our behalf and never lagged till success came. He wrote and conferred, and balked at no demand on his initiative. It is doubtful whether we could have won without his aid.

Another treasury decision is worth here reporting. The Department has overruled the claim made at certain ports that the new tariff act limits to a single copy of a publication the number that a library may import free of duty. If met with such difficulty, address Col. Edward Clifford, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and refer to Letter 110,435. Libraries may import at one time as many copies as they like.

M. L. RANEY.

### Bargains Again

IN its issue of November 15 the LIBRARY JOURNAL prints an interesting letter from The Macmillan Company. The letter was occasioned by a random sentence in a bulletin issued by the Book Buying Committee of the American Library Association in the LIBRARY JOURNAL of November 1, to the effect that this Company lists the Cambridge University Press books, which it handles, at nearly forty cents a shilling. In rebuttal Vice-President A. H. Nelson sent to the LIBRARY JOURNAL the complete price list of its 177 titles purchased from the Cambridge University Press during the present calendar year. The average rate for the whole list, according to the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL, is about 33.3 cents. Here is a question of fact, which it ought to be easy, tho possibly tedious, to settle.

Our statement, for which I am personally responsible, is a summary reference to a discussion which took place before the American Library Institute at its Atlantic City meeting, April 28, 1922. See the LIBRARY JOURNAL for May 15, 1922, at page 468, where the exact figure is given at 38.3 cents a shilling. This figure was arrived at by a comparison of the first 500 titles in Macmillan's 1921 Catalog of Importations and the corresponding London edition of the Macmillan and Company's catalog. At that time the 1922 edition had not appeared. These 500 titles include not merely the publications of the Macmillan house itself, but those of the Cam-

bridge University Press, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, Black, and others whose publications they handle in this country. In the list the Cambridge University Press certainly bulks large. A subsequent checking of the 1922 catalog for a couple of pages seemed to show such slight deviation as probably to account for no greater divergence than a fraction of a cent, from the average above given.

So much for the basis of the statement we made. Now for the answer. I have not had the time to check the entire 4000 titles of Macmillan's 1922 list of importations, nor to do this for the 200-page Cambridge University Press catalog of 1922. But I have checked the first 100 titles in the Cambridge Press catalog of 1922 with the corresponding titles in the Macmillan list of the same year and find the average price per shilling to be 38.5 cents. Perchance these titles are not typical, but also perchance the Macmillan Company, under criticism, has changed its policy. If so, all praise. If the 38.3 cents rate applicable till the spring of 1922 has, in its purchases during 1922, dropped to 33.3 cents, the Company and the public are to be congratulated, tho to buy at such rate, even with discount, remains unprofitable, and the new plan if existent is not yet retroactive.

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"What a Farmer Reads When He Reads" is discussed by Ray F. Pollard in the *American Agriculturist* for November, 1922. The article gives the result of a survey in New York State of the reading matter, papers and magazines in 100 farm homes in the most strictly American county in New York State. The writer distributed his investigation over representative farms in nearly 100 school districts, so as to give as great a variety as possible, the leading farmers in each school district rather than every one in a given area. In that respect the result is not typical of the average reading of farmers. The average in these 100 homes was 9.82 papers to each farmer. 132 different newspapers and magazines were taken in these 100 homes. 92 per cent of these farmers took the *Farm Bureau News*, the highest of any one periodical. Of the religious papers the *Christian Advocate*, the *Christian Endeavor World*, and the *Christian Herald* were the leading publications, and the *Ladies Home Journal* was in 20 per cent of the homes. Of the general magazines the *American* was most commonly found. The highest number of papers and magazines taken by any one farmer was 22. S. H. R.

# Recruiting for Children's Librarians\*

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IN last April's *Public Libraries* appeared an article by Mr. Stevens called "Library Recruiting from the Library School Standpoint." When I had finished reading Mr. Stevens' paper I knew exactly how the girl felt who exclaimed, "I like Shakespeare. He expresses my sentiments fine!"

From the moment I received the command of my superior officer to speak on "Recruiting for Children's Librarians," I knew that I should not talk about addressing vocational guidance conferences, getting articles into popular magazines, distributing circulars in the colleges and so on. I knew that I must, at the risk of being misunderstood, try to induce librarians to believe that the most essential kind of recruiting would be a recognition of children's librarianship as a profession and a demand that all who enter it meet requirements at least as high as those demanded by other professions with which we fondly consider ourselves equal.

In these times of famine, and when low salaries are considered a large reason for the dearth of children's librarians, it may seem a bit mad to insist that now is the time to raise the requirements for admission to the ranks, and that to do this is more important than to raise salaries. Yet in a calling whose existence depends upon the taxpayers' appreciation of its value, a very high quality of service must be our first argument for increased salaries; and large salaries will not draw the kind of women our work needs if our standards make them feel that the children's librarian is really no more than a nursery governess in a public building.

Those who advocate special training for the worker with children in any field usually find themselves up against the instinctive opposition of reverently loyal sons and daughters of those wonderful "born mothers" who, blissfully ignorant of the jargon of child study, raised fine children. These sons and daughters point scornfully to the dismal failures of parents stuffed to the teeth with book theories; and the case against attempting to teach anyone how to train children is complete. In the library profession the names of our splendid Mrs. Sanders and Miss Hewins are cited to prove that it is the natural gift, not the library school which makes the successful librarian for children.

Now I have never seen a library school circular which announced that candidates with extraordinary natural gifts need not apply, for the school furnished those commodities, along with the text books; and every "born mother" of my acquaintance today is eagerly grasping for the training which earlier generations lacked to their sorrow.

To agree that the child's doctor, nurse, teacher, playground director, shoemaker, dressmaker, and cook, should be trained for their jobs and to think that the person who may make or mar the child's life by the books she puts into his hands does not need special training is surely curious.

"But why imply that the library profession thinks such a thing?" you ask.

For answer I point to the census figures of eighteen million school children in the United States and then to the list of less than seven hundred people in this whole land, who even claim the title children's librarian. I remind you that there are great city library systems after a quarter century of modern library work with children having but one real children's librarian on the staff; that departments formerly filled with trained children's librarians report long-standing vacancies and entrance requirements lowered since 1917. I think of more than one chief librarian who, after searching vainly for a trained and experienced candidate to appoint superintendent of his children's department finally accepted an inexperienced graduate of a one year general library school who had listened to half a dozen lectures on library work with children and gained a tourist's view of a few externals of the work.

If librarians really believed in the children's library as an educational institution would they tolerate appointing as adviser to the children, parents and teachers of a city a girl whom, in progressive states, the newest teacher outstrips in preparation for her field by training both theoretical and practical?

Do I seem to be "knocking" chief librarians and library school directors particularly for conditions? That is far from my thought. The most vigorous sermons are apt to be those in which the preacher hits himself hardest. I reproach myself today for the little I have ever done to help the cause of training. The graduates of our Brooklyn Training Course for Children's Librarians we appropriate for our own

\* Paper read at the third general session of the A. L. A. at Detroit, June 28, 1922.



staff, and I can take no credit for having opened that course in 1914. I was pushed into it by my Chief who got tired of hearing me complain of the want of children's librarians while I did nothing to supply the need.

Do I appear unappreciative of those children's librarians by divine gift who never saw college or library school? I should be disloyal to our best leaders if I were.

To any who may think I make a fetish of training I quote Mr. Dewey's "You can polish mahogany but you can't polish a pumpkin," and remark that between the library school pumpkin and the mahogany without school polish I choose the latter unhesitatingly; but I do not call it sound argument to place over against a library school failure, an exceptionally gifted person who knew how to train herself and then conclude that library school training is unnecessary.

There are imperative reasons today which were not evident a few years ago for the children's librarian's being highly trained for her work. The growth by leaps and bounds of the school library idea is going to leave the children's librarian trailing along in the wake of the teaching profession unless she is grounded in her own profession's body of doctrine.

To quote Mr. Stevens again, "The library school is not designed to educate the librarian but rather to equip the librarian to be an educator." What respect will the best teachers have for some of our children's room "educators" when they take more notice of the standards of citizen training shown in some of our public libraries—lawless children, shabby, ill-treated books, shelves of time-wasting story books which contribute nothing, lead to nothing except mental laziness in the child reader, and other unmistakable signs of low grade work.

The publicity which the library profession is now receiving is another and an urgent reason for our offering highly trained service thru the children's room. Without a right understanding of her place in the educational scheme, the zealous children's librarian may become a mere "reed shaken in the wind" of her own eagerness to oblige. Thinking she must "co-operate" at all costs, she is swept along by every local and trivial "drive" until her book money is spent on subjects of passing interest at the sacrifice of the supply standards; her school class visits are conducted according to plans made by the teacher, not thought out by the librarian; a disproportionate amount of her time is given to advertising the children's room by outside speaking and story telling when a careful study to make the goods better worth the advertising is more needed.

Being a children's librarian I have not outgrown my liking for playing games of "make believe." I am going to "make believe" for a minute that everyone in this audience agrees to the need of our training many children's librarians, beginning now, and that each person asks, "How can I help?"

To children's librarians blessed with training and experience I would answer, "Pay your debt to your profession by opening next fall a training course for children's librarians and spend the summer planning the course and choosing candidates from your communities. Do not any longer, if you are head of a children's department, depend for your supply on enticing children's librarians away from other libraries, and bemoan the shortage when that supply gives out."

I would urge chief librarians to encourage and help their children's librarians to establish these training courses. I would beg them not to lower standards when vacancies occur by placing in the children's room that member of the staff who hasn't brains enough to do satisfactory work in other departments but who declares she is "just crazy about children." I would ask them to reward high grade work with high salaries; to make effective the abilities of a gifted children's librarian by giving her adequate support, not expecting her to carry out city-wide plans with the help of a staff composed of one part-time school-boy page.

I would implore every director of a general library school to have in the school's curriculum a required course in work with children such as would give to graduates a sense of the educational value of the children's library and a knowledge of the basic principles on which the work should be founded.

To trustees I would say, "Before deciding that you will not pay your children's librarian a cent more than you give your stenographer, study the salary scale of teachers in progressive cities, consider the equipment of your children's librarian in comparison with that of such teachers, then pay a salary that will not cheapen the library profession in the eyes of your community."

To state library commissions my word would be "Go on with your good work of raising the standards of children's book selection in your libraries; aim to add, as soon as possible, an expert children's librarian to your headquarters staff; plan a future when every county shall have a children's librarian to watch over the little libraries which cannot pay individually for expert help; conduct summer courses in library work with children to aid the small town librarians eager for instruction in this work.

And finally, to make this truly a game of "make believe," I would hale into this court that devastating army of young men who persist in using the children's department as a matrimonial bureau and in leading to the altar so many of our promising children's librarians before the ink is dry on their training school diplomas. Relying on their sense of fairness and their glow of gratitude for happy fortune, I should confidently expect to secure from them this promise: That, when years brought the success bound to come to those so able as to achieve the position of husband to a children's librarian, they would, as library trustees, state library commissioners and wealthy philanthropists pay their debt by establishing training schools for children's librarians in every state of the Union.

### The Copyright Bill

THE following are the most important clauses of the Copyright Bill as modified since its introduction into Congress.

SEC. 5. That on and after the date of the President's proclamation as provided in section one of this Act foreign authors, not domiciled in the United States, who are citizens or subjects of any country which is a member of the International Copyright Union, or whose works are first published in and enjoy copyright protection in any country which is a member of the Copyright Union, shall have within the United States for the term of copyright prescribed by the said Act of nineteen hundred and nine, including the right of renewal, and beginning upon the date of said proclamation for all of their works for which copyright is subsisting at such date and for all of their works first published thereafter from such date of publication the same rights and remedies in regard to their works which citizens of the United States possess under the copyright laws of the United States, and the enjoyment and the exercise by such foreign authors, not domiciled in the United States, of the rights and remedies accorded by the copyright laws of the United States shall not be subject to any formalities, and they shall not be required to comply with the provisions of the copyright laws of the United States as to notice of copyright, or deposit of copies, and registration: *Provided, however,* That the duration of such rights in the United States shall in no case extend beyond the date at which such works fall into the public domain in such country; and *provided further,* That no right or remedy given pursuant to this Act shall prejudice lawful acts done or rights in copies lawfully made or the continuance of enterprises lawfully undertaken within the United States prior to the date of said proclamation.

SEC. 6. That during the existence of the copyright in any book the importation into the United States of any copies thereof except second-hand copies shall be, and is hereby, prohibited, except with the assent of the proprietor of the United States copyright after deposit of two copies as required in section twelve of the said Act of nineteen hundred and nine, and in the case of a book by a foreign author not domiciled in the United States when such book has been published in this country under an assignment of the United States copyright recorded in the Copyright Office: *Provided, however,* That except as regards piratical copies, such prohibition shall not apply:

(a) to any book published in the country of origin with the authorization of the author or copyright proprietor when imported, not more than one copy at one time, for individual use and not for sale, or when imported for use and not for sale, not more than one copy in any one invoice, in good faith, by or for any society or institution incorporated for educational, literary philosophical, scientific, or religious purposes, or for the encouragement of the fine arts, or for any college, academy, school, or seminary of learning, or for any State, school, college, university, or free public library in the United States, provided the publisher of the American edition of such book has within ten days after written demand declined or neglected to agree to supply the copy demanded;

(b) to books which form parts of libraries or collections purchased en bloc for the use of societies, institutions, or libraries designated in the foregoing paragraph, or form parts of the libraries or personal baggage belonging to persons or families arriving from foreign countries and not intended for sale.

(c) to works in raised characters for the use of the blind;

(d) to works imported by the authority or for the use of the United States;

(e) to the authorized edition of a book in a foreign language or languages;

(f) to a foreign newspaper or magazine, although containing matter copyrighted in the United States printed or reprinted by authority of the copyright proprietor unless such newspaper or magazine contains also copyright matters printed or reprinted without such authorization: *Provided further,* That copies imported as above may not lawfully be used in any way to violate the rights of the proprietor of the American copyright or annul or limit the copyright protection secured by this Act and such unlawful use shall be deemed an infringement of copyright.

### New Periodicals

The latest born of library house organs arrives with astonishing promptness. It is the six-page *Library Bulletin* of the Central Missouri State Teachers' College of Warrensburg, Mo. Dated December 15, it reached us a couple of weeks ago. This number explains the working of the Rental Collection and lists the books available thru it.

Another new bulletin is the *Library Notes* published by the North Carolina College for Women Library of which the first number is dated October. Articles on literary subjects, and on school libraries in North Carolina and lists of recent accessions fill the substantial two first numbers.

Syracuse has one more publication, this time mainly for local circulation. It is *The Friend of Reading*, the news leaflet of the Friends of Reading whose organization was recorded recently. A number is to appear in advance of each meeting of the society.

Another association bulletin is *D. C. L. A. Doings*, a sizable mimeographed publication which aims at keeping members of the District of Columbia Library Association informed regarding one another's activities in the library field.

## What Constitutes Adequate Library Training?

WHEN I was asked to discuss this subject I replied that the second part of the suggested title topic, "What Constitutes an Adequate Salary," did not appeal to me particularly and I received permission to touch upon it only incidentally. As to adequate education, of course the obvious answer is, "all that one can get and of the broadest description," but as we are confronted with practical questions we had perhaps better define the field. First, a few words about the subjects to be pursued. I think it still is certain that the majority of people think of the library as a repository of literature and of history. We have had surveys of high school libraries which show this; and we see it in tests for admission to library staffs and library schools; if we read the *Publishers' Weekly*, we see that there are more books published in those lines; and if we study circulation statistics it is much the same. So the librarian of a small library, or the general library assistant needs these subjects for an "adequate" preparation. But increasingly technology and science are making their demands, and business, art, and music, are creeping up, so that the coming library assistant must have a broad knowledge. Since one can not be an expert in all these subjects, some carping critics would say that this plan would make us superficial, but it is not a paradox in library work to-day to say that what outsiders call superficiality is with us a necessity, of course saving ourselves by adding that this mass of superficialities is but the foundation for the deeper knowledge we expect to acquire.

That brings us, then, to the amount of education required for this future librarian. Is anything less than high school adequate for any library position? It is so proposed in a certification plan of one of the States and I suppose almost anyone of you could name somebody who worked up to high position who never finished his high school course, but in general a high school course is necessary for a library worker, especially when the majority of adult users of the library is, or is becoming, a high school educated class. A full college education is better if indeed the librarian is to be a leader rather than a follower, and graduate work in a special line is an aid to the specialist. Of course one will say that this is not possible, either for those already in library work or who wish to enter in the next few years, and indeed it is not possible from the library's standpoint, until the general average of education is higher. If this is true, then we admit that the average

librarian is not equivalent in education to the average high school teacher and incidentally, therefore, should not have an equivalent salary.

Again, if it is true, we must face the situation of what to do with this present class of non-college graduates who are library assistants. Is it not possible, say a good many, for the reasonably intelligent and ambitious person to educate himself, and again you can all point with pride to this man or that man who has done that very thing—that is, become an intellectual leader without having a college education because he has made good use of his time and read much and wisely. I know of two men teaching in colleges who never went to college, similarly ministers and librarians and leaders of the bar. But the ordinary person who must be self-educated, if educated at all, does not come in the above class, mainly because he is not systematic and continuous in his studies; therefore, for him advantage must be taken of any available aids to study. Fortunately we have the correspondence course, the evening courses, and the summer schools. Some people take this work and gain the advantage without thought of the credit, but since we have salaries in the backgrounds of our consciousness, we must realize that sometimes libraries think more of credits than they do of culture that is not so tagged. Hence, it would be wise for the high school graduate library assistant to take his courses where credit is given, which is entirely possible, and not to slip up at the last minute and fail to get the credit.

Supposing the library assistant is moved by a desire for knowledge and not by a desire for credit and money: should the library recognize achievement? Off hand I know of four libraries which do, and there must be a larger number. If this could become more general, then librarianship would truly become a field of opportunity in every sense of the word. Now, supposing our library assistant works faithfully and long and after many years, having escaped marriage and other pitfalls, gets a degree. The mercenary person will then say it is time to stop studying, but the rest will say that it is time to go ahead more intensively. What do we mean by this? We mean not in order to get an A. B. or a B. S., one must take certain subjects in different fields so that the degree may indicate a knowledge of methods and what there is to be known, but after one reaches that point one can specialize according to need or desire. By need I mean in that particular person's library there is no one to look after the techno-

logical books and so our middle-aged A. B. decides, despite her yearning for poetry, to throw herself into the breach. She becomes a specialist whom more people consult than any other, and, as a result (altho we hate to mention it), her salary is raised. Or if there is no particular need she studies poetry as she desires, becomes an authority and altho we try to refrain from mentioning money, she gets some of her articles or her addresses published. I know a man who achieved a librarianship because of his great interest in coins. I know of another man who because he specialized, this time on tariff, became President.

Now, of course, much of the above has been written with the large library in mind, but I feel certain it is true that the librarian who is in sole charge of a small library in the country can, with certain conditions changed, achieve the same results. Her trustees will look upon one university course creditably completed with the same degree of monetary interest that the large-system library does upon the bachelor's degree, and as for specialization, one becomes an authority earlier where by force of circumstances intellectual competition is less.

Perhaps I have not been specific enough, especially in mentioning dollars, but not only do I like to think of the library as the place where there is opportunity for the education of the adult after school days are over, but also as the place where there is opportunity for the education of the library worker who is helping to educate the increasing numbers who cannot daily be associated and surrounded with books and book-loving people.

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### Committee on Public Relations of Motion Picture Producers

A COMMITTEE on Public Relations has been formed as the result of a conference between more than a hundred representatives of national, civic, religious, educational and welfare organizations and of exhibitors, actors and authors, held by invitation of Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc.

These representatives passed a resolution of confidence in the plans proposed and pledged support of the objects set forth in the articles of association of the Producers and Distributors, namely:

Establishing and maintaining the highest possible moral and artistic standards in motion picture production, and

Developing the educational as well as the entertainment value and general usefulness of motion pictures,

and asked for a permanent organization to realize these objects thru:

a. The establishment of a channel of inter-communication between the agencies instrumental in forming and interpreting public opinion and the motion picture industry;

b. The increased use of motion pictures as a force for citizenship and a factor in social benefit;

c. The development of more intelligent co-operation between the public and the motion picture industry;

d. The aiding of the co-operative movement instituted between the National Education Association and the motion picture producers to direct the making of pedagogic films and their effective employment in the schools;

e. The encouragement of the effort to advance the usefulness of motion pictures as an instrument of international amity, by correctly portraying American life, ideals and opportunities in pictures sent abroad and the proper portrayal of foreign scenes and persons in all productions;

f. The furtherance, in general, of all constructive methods of bringing about a sympathetic interest in attaining and maintaining high standards of art, entertainment, education and morals in motion pictures.

Suggestions concerning motion picture problems will be welcomed by the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Public Relations, Jason S. Joy, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York.

### Books to Grow On

"Books to Grow on: Reading for Pleasure and Profit," which is "an experimental intermediate list selected from the open shelf room" of the Buffalo Public Library has reached a second edition. This list, "compiled from the experience of the heads of those departments which deal with young people has been made up because of the need for a bridge over the transition from the more intimate service which the children are used to in the children's rooms and classroom libraries to the less personal service of the circulation departments. . . . "It omits many volumes which the friendly diplomacy of the teacher may introduce successfully to young people. . . . It includes only such books as young people have taken voluntarily from the shelves and of which they have . . . expressed their enjoyment."

### LIBRARY CALENDAR

Dec. 28-30. At Chicago, Midwinter meeting of A. L. A. Council and other library organizations. See page 972.

Dec. 29. At New Haven, Conn. Bibliographical Society of America.

April 23. At Hot Springs, Arkansas. The 45th annual meeting of the American Library Association.



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WITH 1923, the American Library Association will be within three years of completing its half century—a half century of wonderful progress! In the expansion of the library profession and in the multiplicity of organizations, it should not be forgotten that the American Library Association has both organized and symbolized the creative spirit of this library progress. Regional organizations under one form or another now cover most of the country, and the idea of regional libraries supplementing the national library has had effective tho informal development. State library commissions, state libraries of the newer model, supplanting the dusty law libraries of the past, and state associations are to be found in most of the forty-eight states and local clubs abound in library centres. Library schools are many, and there is demand for still more. Co-operating with the American Library Association are the Special Libraries Association, the associations of State and Law Libraries, the League of Library Commissions, and other more or less definite national bodies, besides the less formal conferences and round tables at national, regional or local meetings of specific classes of librarians. The term “librarian” now covers a very wide profession, in contrast with the book-keeper of old days, and includes, especially in business libraries, statisticians, information experts and others. Nevertheless, the work of the business librarian, statistician or information expert centers in a library of books and files, and ranks his special calling in the general field of librarianship. Against the centrifugal tendency of splitting into distinct classes, there should be this saving centripetal force which recognizes that the word “librarian” is one of dignity and comprehensiveness, including today experts in every department which deals with the utilization of books as instruments of private and public education and of industrial and commercial development and social welfare.

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IN the multiplicity of organizations and of special fields, this centrifugal tendency may be more and more in evidence, but loyalty to the profession should be able to resist it. Whether the American Library Association will ultimately become a federation of several classes of librarians is a question for the future, but

there would be disadvantage as well as possible advantage in such a plan. More careful lines of demarcation, especially in conferences, have probably to be laid down, and as we have often suggested, it may prove necessary to develop the administrative term and hold national conferences in biennial instead of annual periods. Two of the newer regional associations have accepted the plan of biennial meetings, and the now complicated organization of the library calling perhaps needs rearrangement on far-seeing lines. Trustees are apt to become impatient that their librarians should be called too frequently to distant points for the many library meetings, and there is doubtless a good deal of wasted time and effort resulting from lack of intergearing between the different classes of organizations and of meetings. A larger attendance of trustees would go far to prove the value of these meetings to working librarians. As the half century draws toward its close it is worth while to consider plans which will provide for an A. L. A. of ten thousand or more members, representing libraries of diverse kinds, which within the century will easily get beyond this point, and correlate experts in the very specialized fields which the profession covers.

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IN all the plans for the future it should not be overlooked that the library calling is part of a greater organism concerned with the production, distribution and utilization of the printed word, including authors, publishers, librarians, booksellers, journalists and teachers, each now represented by a thriving national organization. There should be closer and closer *rapport* toward a mutual realization of higher ideals. There has come to be more and more interchange among these several callings; many who began as teachers, journalists or booksellers have become librarians, the number of librarians professionally serving our high and normal schools is happily extending, and recently a number of librarians, particularly women, have come into the publishing field as advisers of publishing houses or into the business of bookselling, especially for children. It is a very small, tho sometimes aggressive, minority which clings to Lord Byron's definition that “Barabbas was a publisher,” and tho there may

be division between the book-trade and the library profession on prices and discounts, or on the details of copyright legislation, these should be considered as exceptions to the general thought that these several callings, professional or commercial, have a common aim and a common ideal. The public library and the librarian now reach the citizenry of this great country as no other agency for the distribution of books does or can, but that is no reason why the library profession should not recognize, as partners in a noble enterprise, those who publish as well as write books, and those who sell them as well as make them.

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**A** NOTHER calling which, tho it started on a much lower level, is reaching toward this common ideal and common aim is the motion-picture industry, which seeks the co-operation of librarians as well as of other classes concerned with public welfare. Out of the important conference held in New York in June, in which the Authors' League and many welfare organizations were represented, has come the Committee on Public Relations of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., which announces as its aim the realization of the three-fold purpose set forth by Will H. Hays, now president of the association, that is, entertainment of a higher sort, instruction thru visualization, and internationalization thru a better knowledge by each nation of others. Two years ago Mr. Hays was known chiefly as a skilful and successful political organizer, whose appointment as Postmaster General was severely criticised. But in the Post Office Department he began immediately to show higher qualities of aim and administration than had been ascribed to him, and it was even hinted that his resignation from the Post Office Department was quite as much prompted by the unwillingness of the political authorities to permit him to handle his department on the higher plane of public service as by the temptation of a large salary in the new field. Since he became a private citizen instead of a public official, Mr. Hays has shown his good faith and high endeavor in many ways, and he and his colleagues are entitled to general and hearty co-operation. In the library field, Dr. Bostwick has given special attention to relations with the movies and has found many useful points of contact, some national, some local. The local library should be in such touch with the local movie managers that it may be kept thoroly informed as to future book-film productions, may obtain notice on the screen that the book which has been filmed can be had at the library—possibly with a picture

of the building and of its interior service—and may have the book itself specially displayed and put at the local service. Also, local library boards should endeavor to exercise their influence in bettering the standard of productions, especially by registering objection on local circuits to films of demoralizing character. A full acceptance of the movies as one of the instruments of education will in itself do much to bring about a higher standard of service.

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**A**T the meeting of the Eastern College and University of Librarians on December 2 at Columbia University, Dr. Raney was able to announce that the Treasury authorities had issued directions to Collectors of Customs that books imported by libraries and like institutions are to be free from the application of T. D. 39108, requiring the marking of books as made in the country of origin. This clears the situation entirely as far as libraries are concerned, and is a complete victory for which Dr. Raney himself should have much credit, as he made a "Sheridan's ride" charge upon the Treasury Department the Wednesday preceeding and personally obtained the promulgation of the ruling in time for report at the Saturday meeting. Senator Townsend of Michigan also deserves the thanks of the library profession for his energetic action in the matter. On the vexed question of copyright, progress has been made as the result of the willingness of the publishers' organization to assent to the exception of books in foreign languages and of all second-hand copies from the importation restriction and the suggestion that the law should apply only in cases where the American market has been definitely assigned by the foreign author or proprietor and the assignment recorded in our Copyright Office, which removes another of the minor objections on the part of the library profession. The crux of the matter, however, is the larger objection to any restriction which should put obstacles in the way of direct foreign purchases by libraries, and on this point there is likely to be definite contest between librarians and publishers when the bill comes to a hearing, which is not likely to be until after the holidays. The feeling is very general in the library profession that any such restriction upon libraries is unfounded and unjust in the case of books for which remuneration to the author is assured. The modified Copyright Bill is to be pushed at the present session of Congress, and Sections 5 and 6, as modified by discussion since the introduction of the original bill, are printed on another page, these being the vital sections, the others being simply formal.



## LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS

### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

#### MID-WINTER MEETINGS

THE Mid-Winter Meetings will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, December 28, 29 and 30.

There will be meetings of the A. L. A. Council, League of Library Commissions, University librarians, College librarians, Normal school librarians, Librarians of large public libraries, the Executive Board, the Editorial Committee, the Committee on Education, and perhaps others.

The Bibliographical Society of America which frequently meets in Chicago at the time of the Mid-Winter meetings will meet this year in New Haven, Conn., on December 29.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel Sherman, corner of Randolph and Clark. Most of the meetings (perhaps all of them) will be held there. Reservations should be made with the hotel as early as possible.

There are many other good hotels within easy walking distance of the Sherman.

#### RATES

One person, per day, room without bath, \$2.00 to \$2.50; room with private bath, \$3.00 to \$6.00. Two persons, per day, room without bath, \$4.00; room with private bath, \$5.00 to \$10.00; two connecting rooms with bath, per day, two persons, \$6.00 to \$10.00; three persons, \$8.00 to \$12.00; four persons, \$9.00 to \$16.00.

The tentative program is given in the LIBRARY JOURNAL for November 15, p. 972.

#### THE A. L. A. CONFERENCE OF 1923

THE Forty-fifth Annual Conference of the A. L. A. will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, April 23 to 28. The Eastman Hotel will be headquarters, and the meetings will be held in this hotel and in other buildings nearby. General sessions will be held in a theatre which is a short block from the Eastman Hotel.

The Eastman Hotel can accommodate seven or eight hundred. The Arlington, about three blocks away, is under the same management as the Eastman, and will be able to take care of perhaps two or three hundred delegates. Other hotels are available within easy walking distance of the Eastman—several within two or three blocks.

The Eastman, Arlington and most of the other hotels are operated on the European plan. Rates will be attractive, and meals served in the hotel or in restaurants nearby will be at reasonable prices.

No reservations will be accepted by the hotel until February 1.

### COMMITTEES 1922-23

The following committees for the year 1922-1923 have been appointed since the publication of the list in the LIBRARY JOURNAL for September 15, p. 770-772. There remains only the membership of the Joint Committee of Seven to be announced.

*Hospital Libraries.* E. Kathleen Jones, Division of Public Libraries, Massachusetts Department of Education, Boston, Mass., chairman; Miriam E. Carey; Caroline L. Jones; Perrie Jones; Harriet Leitch; Mrs. Grace W. Myers; Elizabeth Pomeroy; Grace Shellenberger.

*Institutional Libraries.* Miriam E. Carey, Minnesota State Board of Control, St. Paul, Minn., chairman; W. S. Bassett; Florence R. Curtis; E. Kathleen Jones; Lydia E. Kinsley; Mary B. Palmer; Julia A. Robinson; Charlotte Templeton; Nellie Williams.

*International Relations.* Herbert Putnam, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., chairman; E. H. Anderson; R. R. Bowker; John Cotton Dana; W. D. Johnston; T. W. Koch; George H. Locke; E. C. Richardson.

*Library Service (Committee of Five).* Arthur E. Bostwick, Public Library, St. Louis, Mo., chairman; John B. Kaiser; Florence Overton; A. S. Root; Bessie Sargeant Smith.

*Membership.* Julia Ideson, Carnegie Library, Houston, Texas, chairman; Lila May Chapman; H. T. Dougherty; Howard L. Hughes; Esther Johnston; John Adams Lowe; Sarah E. McCardle; Anne M. Mulheron; Rena Reese; Octavia Rogan; Mrs. J. A. Thompson; Ida F. Wright.

*Recruiting for Library Service.* F. K. W. Drury, Brown University Library, Providence, R. I., chairman; Gertrude E. Andrus; Elsie L. Baechtold; Irving R. Bundy; Charles H. Compton; Lucy T. Fuller; Mary E. Hazeltine; W. E. Henry; Louise B. Krause; Annie A. Pollard; Ernest J. Reece; Grace D. Rose; Charles H. Stone; Sabra W. Vought; Althea H. Warren.

*Standardization of Libraries.* (Appointed by Council) Josephine A. Rathbone, School of Library Science, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman; C. H. Compton; Gratia A. Countryman; F. F. Hopper; J. T. Jennings; John Adams Lowe; Florence Overton; Grace D. Rose; Charles E. Rush; William R. Watson; Hiller C. Wellman; Phineas L. Windsor.

*Ways and Means Committee.* C. W. Andrews, The John Crerar Library, Chicago, chairman; J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr.; Harrison W. Craver; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl; Judson T. Jennings; E. C. Richardson; Alice S. Tyler.

### SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

THE third meeting of the Special Libraries Association of Boston came on Monday, November the 27th. A supper at a central place down-town preceding the meeting is becoming a frequent feature of the Special Libraries Association, and this time twenty-five members met together.

The meeting itself was held at the Boston Athenaeum at quarter before eight o'clock, and was attended by 80 members. Mr. Bolton was

a charming host, and opened the meeting by a short talk on the history and purposes of the Athenaeum, and after the meeting was adjourned, showed the members the interesting exhibits, both permanent and temporary, for which the library is famous.

After the necessary business, part of which consisted in the introduction by the membership committee of 31 new members, the rest of the meeting was taken up by Chie Hirano, of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and Edith Guerrier, of the Boston Public Library, who, on their trips to Europe last summer visited many libraries. Miss Hirano confined herself to the discussion of Chinese and Japanese collections in the libraries of France and England, and a description of the library in Cairo. Miss Guerrier showed some exhibits from the libraries which she visited, and discussed those of France and Belgium as dispensers of information rather than from the point of view of a student of research.

In the report of the October meeting the following correction should be made in connection with Miss Kinsman's talk. The Bureau of Navigation sends *four* times a year a list containing 75 to 100 titles of many of which there are two or more copies, the total for last year being 1,180; also, of the \$150 sent by the Veterans Bureau about half was spent for magazine subscriptions and the rest for new books, chiefly of travel, biography, etc.

MARGARET WITHINGTON, *Secretary*.

#### NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**T**HE Fall Meeting of the New Jersey Library Association was held at Glen Ridge on November 21. President James T. Gerould presided.

Mrs. Mabel S. Douglas, dean of the Woman's College of New Jersey told most interestingly of its organization and of the graduating of its first class of forty-two last June. She spoke of the important part the library played in the life of the college and announced a gift of 5,000 volumes from Theodore Stanton to be known as the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Memorial Collection.

The subject "Do Trustees and Librarians Really Co-operate?" was introduced by Mr. Gerould. Mrs. Samuel Heilner's interesting account of the work accomplished at the Spring Lake Library during the three years of its existence gave evidence of active co-operation. Arthur C. Mack of Edgewater said that the question "do they co-operate?" lead to the question "how should they co-operate?" He defined a trustee as a person appointed to administer the business and activity of a library as a trust from

the community. He stated the obvious duties of a trustee as regular attendance at board meetings, careful expenditure of funds and sympathetic interest in the librarian's problems. He urged that trustees should make a greater effort to attend library conventions.

Professor George Madison Priest of Princeton talked on the social and political condition in Germany today. He spoke with authority as he has recently returned from a fourteen months' stay in Germany.

LYNDA PHILLIPS, *Secretary*.

#### VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**T**HE Virginia Library Association, which has been dormant for several years, was reorganized at a meeting in Richmond on November 28-29. There were thirty-five librarians and educational people present including Mary B. Palmer, secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission, who told of the work of that Commission and Mary L. Titcomb, librarian of the Washington County Library at Hagerstown, Md., who spoke on the county library.

Informal talks and discussion on methods of arousing interest in libraries and of conducting library campaigns and on other problems occupied the rest of the meeting.

The Association will hold an annual meeting at the same time and place as the State Teachers' Association, and a series of small group conferences will also be held. It is thought that the small meeting will prove most effective, as Virginia is a large State, with strongly marked geographical divisions. The first group conference will be held in Norfolk in January.

The Association also voted to become a member of the Southeastern Library Association, and elected J. Maud Campbell, librarian of the Jones Memorial Library in Lynchburg, as its representative in the executive board of that Association.

The following officers were elected for 1923: President, Mary D. Pretlow, librarian, Norfolk Public Library; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. L. Hagan, librarian, Danville Library Association and Dr. J. C. Metcalf, University of Virginia; secretary-treasurer, Margaret V. Jones, organizer, Virginia State Library.

MARGARET V. JONES, *Secretary*.

#### INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**T**HE Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees' Association held a joint meeting in Indianapolis, November 15th to 17th. Almost 400 people registered. Frank S. C. Wicks, a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Indianapolis Public Library gave a delightful talk on "Literary Rambles in

England," describing vividly spots associated with the names of Dickens, Johnson, Carlyle, and George Eliot.

Ethel McCollough of Evansville read a paper on the value of reading for the librarian and the assistant, protesting against the amount of time that must be spent in reading mediocre and ephemeral literature to pass on its inclusion on the library shelves, at the expense of "pleasure reading" which should be the crowning glory of a day spent in the service of others.

Hugh McK. Landon, of Indianapolis, representing the Riley Memorial Association, suggested that librarians contribute money to be spent in equipping a library room in the hospital. A committee of five with Charles E. Rush as chairman was appointed later to take up such a plan with the Association.

An outstanding feature was the address Wednesday evening by Henry Seidel Canby, editor of the *Literary Review* of the New York *Evening Post*. He believes that critics and librarians can be closely associated in the choice and preservation of books dealing with facts, which are a special case each time, and those dealing with the emotions, the latter being the distinctive problem. In all worth-while literature there is tradition and revolt. A good librarian should take account of tradition and preserve the literature that can be assimilated by our own generation, but at the same time he should consider revolt, which is a natural thing while we have life and youth. Illustrations included "The Death of the Hired Man," by Robert Frost, which has tradition behind it and was also a sane experiment; Edith Wharton, who has tradition perfectly, but will not seem so important thirty or forty years from now, as everything in her work is right for us at this time; and James Joyce's "Ulysses," a piece of "madhouse literature" utterly lacking in tradition, but as an experiment invaluable, for great books will come from it.

Thursday morning was devoted to round table discussions. Mary Pratt of the Extension Division of Indiana University told of the service offered by the Division to the libraries of the state; and Sue Blasingham, principal of the Benjamin Harrison School of Indianapolis of school needs and how the libraries were meeting them. William Hepburn, librarian of Purdue University, Lafayette, talked on new reference and technical books. Marcia Furnas, Indianapolis, spoke of general staff meetings. In conclusion Ella Corwin of Elkhart conducted a question box on loan desk routine.

Topics for discussion at the round table for trustees of large libraries included "Our Ever Present Financial Problems," by the leader, J.

F. Keeler of Hammond, followed by "Salaries and Qualifications" by Mrs. Samuel Clifford, Evansville. Donald Du Shane discussed library extension. At the meeting for trustees of small libraries Helen Thompson of Noblesville led the discussion of library extension, W. C. Goble of Swayzee that of qualifications and salaries, and Gladys H. Brammeman, Columbia City, conducted the question box. At a joint meeting topics for discussion were attending state district meetings, closing libraries all or part time, and delegates' expenses.

Miss McAfee of Evansville was chairman of the afternoon's Children's Round Table, when Effie L. Power, director of Work with Children in the Cleveland Public Library talked on present day writers for children. Youel B. Mirza, author of "When I was a Boy in Persia," talked on travel books for boys. Della Northey discussed the respective merits of "The World Book" and Compton's "Pictured Encyclopedia."

Corinne Metz, of Fort Wayne, chairman of the County Library Round Table introduced Constance Bement, librarian of the County Library of Port Huron, Michigan, who spoke on county library service offered to the large town and small village by the library which she represented. Della Northey pointed out that in this state there are no isolated farms as there are in the West, and that there are consolidated schools instead of one-room schools. She emphasized the importance of the county librarian knowing every one in her community and of establishing stations in every conceivable place. E. B. Weatherow, superintendent of the La Porte Schools, said he believed that every rural school library should be brought under county supervision, but feels that not much can be done with the present township law.

A resolution was passed at the business meeting endorsing any measures which may improve the situation with respect to salaries in all departments at the Library of Congress.

A committee was appointed to co-operate with the state library in the increase of its budget. The Association also went on record as favoring the inclusion in the English course of study of a course of study in the use and appreciation of books.

Two hundred and ninety-two librarians, trustees, and friends of librarians, were present at the banquet held Thursday evening in the Travertine Room of the Hotel Lincoln. At the conclusion of a musical program the Indianapolis Library Club in commemoration of Children's Good Book Week presented "Friends in Bookland," by Winifred Ayers Hope.

At the Friday morning session the results of Indiana Library Week were discussed by E. L.

Craig of Evansville and Margaret Wade of Anderson. Demarchus C. Brown, librarian of the Indiana State Library, presented the report of the Committee on Recruiting for Librarianship, advocating speakers from the A. L. A., the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees' Association be sent to the district meetings of the State. Senator C. Oliver Holmes of Gary gave an outsider's impression of how the library could improve its service.

The following officers were elected: President, Sallie C. Hughes, Terre Haute; vice-president, Cerene Ohr, Indianapolis; secretary, William J. Hamilton, Gary; treasurer, Rachel Ogle, Franklin.

ELIZABETH OHR, *Secretary*.

#### D. C. L. A. RECLASSIFICATION MEETING

**R**ECOGNITION of the library profession in reclassification legislation was the theme of the District of Columbia Library Association's "Reclassification Meeting," December first, at which more than one hundred and twenty Washington librarians gathered. The first address of the evening was delivered by the Honorable Thomas Sterling, United States Senator for South Dakota, who was joint author of the Sterling-Lehlbach bill now pending in Congress.

Senator Sterling, who was introduced by President Dorsey W. Hyde, Jr., took as his subject: "Reclassification: What Good Will It Do Librarians." Admitting that the need for higher salaries is imperative the Senator however stressed the point that the true need is for "definite recognition of the professional character of the work of the trained librarian."

"Almost anyone," said the Senator, "can go thru the motions of being a librarian" and for this reason some people believe "that almost any quiet person of pleasing personality will do for a librarian." This state of mind however is rapidly changing and we are coming to understand that "public libraries, state and municipal, are invaluable servants of the whole people." From the point of view of the library profession the important thing about proposed reclassification legislation is that it provides "that positions in library science, when requiring professional or scientific training equivalent to that represented by graduation from a college or university of recognized standing shall be regarded as in the professional and scientific service." Thus library positions will be "placed on a parity with comparable positions in other professional and scientific callings."

Adele Powell, director of the reference department of the Public Library of the District of Columbia followed with a paper entitled "Life and a City Librarian." In this paper

Miss Powell told in interesting fashion of the many sidelights on human character which are revealed to the librarian who comes in continual contact with the ever-changing types that compose the patrons of the average large city library.

A short business session was held immediately after and brief reports were made by officers and committee chairmen. Resolutions in relation to library support and to school libraries forwarded from A. L. A. headquarters were read and officially endorsed by the Association. Comments upon the Association's new bulletin *D. C. L. A. Doings* by President Utley of the A. L. A. and others were read.

DORSEY W. HYDE, JR.

#### CONFERENCE OF EASTERN COLLEGE LIBRARIANS

**T**HE tenth annual conference of Eastern College Librarians met at Columbia University on December 2 with an attendance of 125 representing 46 institutions. In the absence of Secretary Frederick C. Hicks, Provost William H. Carpenter and Assistant Librarian Roger Howson presided at the morning session and Professor Joseph T. Ibbotson in the afternoon.

The meeting opened with the report of James T. Gerould, chairman of the Committee on Differentiation of Field among the Larger Libraries. Seven or eight national scientific societies have been approached with the suggestion that each, in its own field, study the resources of libraries in a particular section with the intention of making the study a basis for a concerted program of purchase; a project for a nationwide survey of library resources in the fields of medicine and zoology has been submitted to the National Research Council; and the cooperation of university administrative officers has been sought thru the Association of American Universities and the Association of State Universities.

A letter from Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, director of the Institute of International Education, told of the condition of school libraries in China due to an inadequate supply of books and to the lack of knowledge of library methods, and suggested this as an organizing field for a trained librarian. Ernest C. Richardson mentioned Harry Clemons, librarian of the University of Nanking as one who would be interested and Dr. James Wyer called attention to the number of Chinese students who have received training in this country.

In his report on union lists, Harry M. Lydenberg stated that the plan of the committee for the publication of a general union list of periodicals is practically completed and will shortly



be sent to libraries with a request for co-operation. The project requires the raising by subscription of \$36,000 to be spread over a term of three years. Preliminary lists for checking will be sent to all subscribing libraries and the final publication will be placed on general sale, with reduced rates to subscribers. Mr. Lydenberg also spoke of the efforts which have been made, to complete library files of German periodicals for the war period and of the present plan of action in drawing up a combined list of desiderata to be sent to Harrassowitz. (See *LIBRARY JOURNAL* for November 15, p. 969). He also called attention to the impoverished condition of German libraries and the impossibility of their buying American books, and said that any aid which could be given from duplicate collections or any other source was greatly needed.

In discussing the union list, Dr. Richardson said that in its value to scholars, in its saving in cataloging and as an aid in reducing duplication in libraries, it will be worth much more than the money expended. H. W. Wilson spoke of the number of communities which are publishing their own union lists and of the economy which will result from a general list.

Dr. Raney, in discussing copyright legislation, told of the position of the United States outside the International Copyright Convention, and of the present opportunity to remedy this situation. He spoke of the dangers to libraries in the present tariff bill, and of the efforts of the A. L. A. to defeat the obnoxious features in the bill now pending.

Miss Mudge's talk on "Reference Books Needed—New, Revived and Revised" will appear in an early number of the *LIBRARY JOURNAL*. Mr. Keogh moved to have appointed a committee of three consisting of Miss Mudge (chairman), Mr. Briggs of Harvard, and a third to be selected by them, who would formulate a request to the A. L. A. Council that a committee be appointed by them to encourage the publication of such works as Miss Mudge suggested. Before voting it was decided to hear the paper by Anna S. Pratt of Yale on representation of American university libraries in scholarly organizations. Miss Pratt clearly showed the need for closer relations between university libraries and the learned societies of the country. Up to the present, when assistance in bibliographical or other library matters has been required these societies have been forced to seek aid from individual libraries rather than thru some central source. If, however, some permanent organization among libraries were to be formed so as to give systematic co-operation when needed, the libraries

might well have a voice in the matter of how the work was being done. Dr. Richardson suggested that if the A. L. A. were to become a member of the various learned societies it would naturally be asked for aid in these matters.

Followed a paper by Miss Wilson, librarian of the League of Nations on the work of her library, which forms the leading article in this number of the *LIBRARY JOURNAL*.

The conference unanimously voted in favor of the motion previously made that a committee be appointed to recommend the appointment of a committee by the A. L. A. to encourage the publication of such works such as those mentioned by Miss Mudge and to make plans for co-operation with learned societies and with the League of Nations committee on intellectual co-operation.

Mr. Keogh mentioned the possibility of the League of Nations being able and willing to call and finance an international conference of bibliographers. All previous attempts to hold such a conference have failed for financial reasons. The motion to inform Madame Curie that such a conference of bibliographers would be considered as desirable by the Conference of Eastern College Librarians, was carried.

The announcement by Dr. Raney that the marking law does not apply to catalogs, books, etc., imported for library use and not for sale, was greeted with applause. This is the final outcome of a six months' fight which has been waged in Congress over this law, which was made to apply to libraries up to this time. Donald Gilchrist of Rochester proposed that pending the printing and distribution of this decision by Congress, all librarians asked to pay fines for books imported and not marked should file a protest against the payment of such fines when payment was made, so as to recover later their money. Dr. Wyer moved that an informal expression of gratitude be sent to Senator Townsend for his influence and work on securing this favorable Congressional decision. The motion carried. Coupled with it was a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Bowker, to Dr. Raney himself "for his cavalry charge into Washington," which so ably assisted in securing this verdict.

The academic degree as the criterion of promotion in the college library was the subject of a paper by Anna Monrad of Yale. It voiced the need of attracting scholars into the profession and the subsequent recognition of scholarly work done by those already in the field of library service.

Methods of duplicating catalog cards were brought up for discussion. Dr. Raney in responding, told of the possibilities of the address-

o-graph, by which the output of the multigraph is doubled. The expense of a printing press adapted to the form of the address-o-graph is the most serious objection to it. Dr. Raney, however, felt certain that with little adjustment the ordinary flatbed press could be used satisfactorily.

The need of better methods for obtaining the hearings of Congressional Committees was urgently presented to the meeting by Mr. Howson. Such reports as are obtainable from Congressmen or the Committee are far from faithful and the great need seems to lie in a more systematic method of issuance. Were they to be issued in numbered serials and turned over to the public printer for distribution, much of the difficulty should be solved. Even the Library of Congress seems to have difficulty in obtaining complete sets of the hearings and ordinarily these are not subject to inter-library loan.

The practical application of intelligence tests to prospective library assistants was interestingly presented by Dr. Koopman and Mr. Drury, of Brown, who have found that the results of the tests gave "a line on what the persons can do." The Thorndike revised tests are used, and they have proved a valuable check on selecting the staff assistants especially those chosen from the student applicants.

The regular business of the meeting closed with a motion to extend to Dr. Hicks the appreciation of the conference for his work as secretary, both in planning the program and seeing it carried thru. Tea was served following the adjournment.

DORIS M. REED,  
ELEANOR M. WITMER,  
*Secretaries pro tem.*

#### CONFERENCE OF SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIANS

OVER 200 librarians gathered for the Signal Mountain Conference, November 2-4, which resulted in the formation of the Southeastern Library Association.

A. L. A. President Utley spoke on library extension, emphasizing the need of further development thru county librarians. Book reviews were contributed by Nora Crimmins, C. Seymour Thompson, Charles B. Shaw and others.

The following constitution is proposed:

Sec. 1. The name of this association shall be the Southeastern Library Association.

##### OBJECT

Sec. 2. The object of the . . . Association shall be to promote library service in the Southeastern states, in co-operation with the American Library Association and the several Southeastern state associations.

##### MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 3. Any state library association may become a

member of the . . . Association by voting to do so at a regular meeting of its association.

Sec. 4. For the transaction of business at a meeting of the Association any member of a member-state association may vote.

##### MEETINGS

Sec. 5. There shall be a biennial meeting of the Association at such time and place as may be determined by the executive board.

##### MANAGEMENT

Sec. 6. The officers of this association shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer, to be elected at its regular meeting, to hold office until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are chosen.

Sec. 7. These officers, together with one representative from each member-state association shall constitute an executive board. The representatives from the several state associations shall be elected at the first meeting of their state associations following each biennial meeting of the Southern Library Association, to hold office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 8. There shall be elected at this conference a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer who shall be declared officers of the Southeastern Association, after the acceptance of this constitution by five state associations at their several state meetings.

Sec. 9. The chairman shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization.

##### DUES

Sec. 10. There shall be no dues for membership in the association, but a registration fee, the amount to be determined by the executive board, shall be paid by each person in attendance at a conference of the association.

##### AMENDMENTS

Sec. 11. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of qualified voters present, notice of the proposed amendment having been given in writing to the president of each member-state association not less than three months before the Southeastern meeting.

##### ADOPTION AND CONSTITUTION

Sec. 12. This constitution, after its adoption by this conference, shall be referred to the various Southeastern state associations at their regular state association meetings for ratification and shall become effective when five State Associations have so ratified it.

A regional meeting of the League of Library Commissioners and other group meetings for the discussion of special problems were a feature of the conference.

#### LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS REGIONAL MEETING

The League of Library Commissions held a sectional regional meeting, Charlotte Templeton, as chairman. Representatives from the Kentucky, North Carolina and Georgia Library Commissions and the extension departments of Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama were present, in addition to the librarians who have been working to establish extension work in South Carolina, Florida and Mississippi.

The topic for discussion was the place of an extension department in the library development of the state. Whitman Davis, librarian of the

A. and M. College of Mississippi, reported on library conditions in Mississippi where the first effort has been rather to develop a school library system. The only extension work which is being done is thru package library service maintained by the State A. and M. College. Joseph Marron, librarian of Jacksonville, Fla., told of the efforts to get a bill thru the legislature creating a state commission. The bill failed but will be presented again at the next session. Louise McMaster, of Darlington, S. C., reported on the work of the State Library Association to have an extension department established. The Federation of Women's Clubs has been interested and will present a bill at the next session of the legislature. Alabama reports plans for a special appropriation for extension work. Such work as has been done heretofore has been done from general department appropriations, which are inadequate for field work.

Margaret Jones, who has just taken up the work of field organizer for the Virginia State Library reported on the plans of Virginia. The first effort will be to organize a state Library association which will be undertaken at Thanksgiving.

Miss Fannie Rawson, and Miss Mary Bell Palmer then told of what the commission has accomplished in the library development of Kentucky and North Carolina, the first states in the South to establish library extension departments.

#### COUNTY LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE

Under the leadership of Mrs. A. F. Griggs, of Durham, N. C., was held a very profitable round table on extension, especially thru the county library which is being more and more considered as a desirable unit in southern library extension. Mrs. Marie F. Kilburn, of Winston-Salem, Miss Rowe, of Greensboro, and Miss Ream, of Chattanooga, spoke on extension thru the schools; Mr. Josselyn, of Birmingham, on the fact that practically all libraries are paying attention to extension work with negroes; Miss Jones, Virginia's organizer, told of plans for that state, and Mr. Davis of the A. and M. College of Mississippi on extension thru the college library, as instanced in his state where the Service Bureau of the College does the work of a commission.

#### CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS ROUND TABLE

The Round Table for Children's Librarians was held Friday morning, November 3. Bernice W. Bell, head of the Children's Department, Louisville Free Public Library, read a letter from Elva S. Smith, chairman of the A. L. A. Children's Section expressing a hope that all members present who were not members of the A. L. A. would join. Miss Bell stressed the

difficulty of convincing a community that it is their duty to provide all the children with the best books, and talked of the interesting growth of work with the schools in Louisville and Jefferson County. Mary E. Foster, head of the Children's Department, Birmingham Public Library, spoke on "Children's Book Week." Mr. Josselyn provided an exhibit of the children's books in the A. L. A. list entitled "Children's Books for Christmas presents." Miss Foster dwelt at length on the increasing interest on the part of the general public in children's books and especially the attractive editions included in their Children's Book Week exhibit.

Anne Pierce, librarian at Charlotte, N. C., spoke on instruction of children in the use of the library. The eighth grade is taught the use of the catalog and the simpler reference books. Martha Parks, Head of the School Department, Cossitt Library, Memphis, Tenn., discussed the subject "What the Public Library Can Do for the Elementary School." Grace O'Baugh, head of the Children's Department of the Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee, gave a most interesting account of the children's story-hour and of the stereopticon slides in connection with her story-telling.

#### CATALOGING ROUND TABLE

The cataloging round table was presided over by Caroline P. Engstfeld from the Public Library, Birmingham. Susie Lee Crumley, principal of the Atlanta Carnegie Library School, Atlanta, Ga., made valuable suggestions on the cataloging of public documents.

Mary R. Mullins of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, discussed the cataloging of pamphlets and local history material, showing samples of her work. Arralee Bunn of Lawson-McGee Library, Knoxville, Tenn., speaking on short cuts in cataloging, recommended the checking of the Children's Catalog as a substitute for those who could not afford to make a card catalog. Olive Mayes of Goodwin Institute, Memphis, Tenn., spoke on cutting cataloging costs by discarding the shelf list. The section endorsed the resolutions adopted by the cataloging section of the A. L. A. at Detroit, and Margaret Mann's plan of having a Directory of Catalogers.

#### CIRCULATION ROUND TABLE

The round table on circulation desk problems was conducted by Joseph F. Marron of Jacksonville, Fla. Upon the question of registration methods it was brought out that most libraries in the southeastern states are using the card system of filing the names of registered borrowers and issuing the usual borrowers cards, except in Savannah and Asheville where the identification card only is issued to the patron. Mr. Settle of the Louisville library reported renewals

successfully made over the telephone on a form which does not require the borrower to come to the library.

It was emphasized that facilities at the circulation desk should be given to new borrowers in explaining methods, giving directions to the location of the open shelf room, the reference room, and the periodical reading room by personally conducting them to such locations in order that they may be properly introduced to the library service and put at ease at the time of their first visit and that a saving of time in the long run would thus be effected. Considerable discussion was given also to the question of reserve books, fines and other details of the service.

The leader opened up the question of staff morale by pointing out that the staff should be encouraged to feel that service in behalf of the library should be the main consideration in their work and that they should work with the head librarian and not merely for him. It was also brought out that he should not lose sight of the effectiveness of the service of the staff since it is their co-operation which makes good service possible and that he is not alone in the conduct of successful work.

Lloyd W. Josselyn of Birmingham pointed out the many ways of bringing the library to the attention of the public.

It was felt that this round table brought out the importance of the work of the circulation desk since it is, from the standpoint of the public, the place from which they receive the greater part of their knowledge of the library.

#### COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AND REFERENCE ROUND TABLE

The College, High School and Reference round table was held on Friday morning under the leadership of Charles B. Shaw, of the North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, N. C. Charles D. Johnston, librarian of the Cossitt Library, Memphis, led the discussion on inter-library loan policies. It was the consensus of opinion that most of the needs in the South were for periodicals and society proceedings, mainly technical, for special work of college students. Duncan Burnet, of the University of Georgia, suggested that a periodical checklist be compiled for the Southern States, so that future needs of this nature could be met by loans from libraries near at hand, if possible. This was put in form of a motion and passed. The chair appointed Duncan Burnet, L. R. Wilson and Charles H. Stone as a committee to take over the work of compiling this checklist.

The relations of college libraries to public libraries were discussed by Louis R. Wilson, librarian of the University of North Carolina,

who stressed especially the preparation of study outlines and the extension work which the college library could do. Margaret V. Jones, organizer of the Virginia State Library, spoke on developments in the service rendered by state libraries. Other state librarians adding to the discussion were Miss Broughton of the North Carolina State Library and Miss Mullen, of the Department of Archives and History of Alabama. R. M. Kennedy, librarian of the University of South Carolina, spoke on the college librarian's opportunities in recruiting. Mr. Kennedy felt that the compensation was too small for the service rendered and that the scarcity of positions, especially in this section of the country, did not warrant the urging of young people to enter library work. Others defended the other side of the question. Mary E. Ahern gave a very helpful talk on librarianship, stressing the urge of the profession and the love of the work as a basis for the choice and not the matter of dollars and cents. George B. Utley suggested that the situation should not be localized but considered in its broad scope.

#### TENNESSEE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

THE Tennessee Library Association did not meet in Annual Session in Memphis in the spring of 1922 as planned, but met as a part of the Southern Conference of Librarians at Signal Mt. Hotel.

At a dinner and business meeting thirty were present, representing the Cossitt Library and the Goodwyn Institute Reference Library in Memphis; the Carnegie Library, Vanderbilt University Library, George Peabody College Library, the County Library Extension Work of the State Library, and the Board of Education Library Extension Work, all from Nashville; the Public Library and the University of Chattanooga, from Chattanooga; the Lawson McGhee Library, the University of Tennessee Library, the Division of Agricultural Extension Library, and Knoxville College Library, from Knoxville; and the Free Library of Jackson.

Affiliation with the American Library Association on the new basis was voted and Charles Stone was appointed delegate in the American Library Association Council.

Lucy Fay called attention to the fact that some action should be taken, or legislation enacted whereby the libraries of the State would be assured of receiving the State publications. A motion to that effect was carried and Mr. Stone was appointed Chairman of this Committee, with power to choose his own committeemen.

Officers elected are: President, Nora Crimmins of Chattanooga; vice-president, Alice Drake of Jackson; secretary, Adelaide Rowell of Chattanooga.



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## IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

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### PENNSYLVANIA

*Philadelphia.* A new Reference Room for students of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, was opened November 12. This room at present seats one hundred readers, and its ultimate capacity is about one hundred and fifty. Here are placed on open shelves most of the reference books in commerce, economics, political science and sociology, while at the loan desk are held the books of required reading in these subjects. There are now four reading rooms at the central library which are open to undergraduates. A fifth is needed and is already being planned.

### OHIO

*Cleveland.* The Adelbert College Library, Cleveland, Ohio, has received by bequest from the estate of Prof. Lemuel S. Potwin a fund of \$12,600, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of books. It is expected that this fund, with the help of gifts already made and to be made, will soon be increased to a total of \$15,000.

### MICHIGAN

*East Lansing.* Ground for the new library building at the Michigan Agricultural College has been broken. The library which will have a capacity of a quarter of a million books is expected to be ready by the fall of next year. The cost is estimated at \$150,000.

### MINNESOTA

*Minneapolis.* A library course is being given at the University of Minnesota by Professor Frank K. Walter, librarian, and Associate Professor Ina T. Firkins, reference librarian. The course will cover a general study of reference books and library methods as applied to individual study and research, lectures, examination of reference material and problems in its use. It is open to freshmen and sophomores two hours a week and carries two credits for a quarter.

### MISSOURI

*St. Louis.* The widow of the late Wm. Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor of the *Reedy's Mirror*, has presented to the Public Library between 500 and 600 volumes from Mr. Reedy's private library. This gift, altho not large numerically, is one of the most valuable received by the library in several years. It includes numerous rare and interesting editions, presentation copies, etc., etc. The library intends to place the whole collection on public view at an early date and may possibly print a separate catalog of it.

### TEXAS

*Waco.* Work on the new \$150,000 library building for Baylor University has been begun. The architect is Burch E. Eastwood. The old walls of the former chapel and library will be used. The exterior of the building will remain practically the same as it was except that the dome which was formerly characteristic of the building will be replaced by a flat roof. The entire building will be used exclusively for a library instead of housing library and chapel as heretofore.

### COLORADO

*Denver.* By vote of the Colorado Scientific Society, its collection of four thousand or more scientific books, etc., will henceforth be housed in the Denver Public Library and the Colorado Engineering Council, with one thousand members in Colorado, has voted to purchase \$12,000 worth of technical books and magazines this season, which with the Society's collection and the library's own books will form a technical division of the Library's Reference Department. The Colorado Engineering Council has an annual income of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and the Council proposes to spend this in adding new material to the technical division. Olive Hensley, of the New York Public Library School, class of 1921 is librarian of this new division.

### CALIFORNIA

*Berkeley.* The one year Library School course given under the auspices of the University of California Library since 1918 has been taken over by a new Department of Library Science, having a separate budget and, to a limited extent, a separate staff. The connection with the Library will, however, still remain very close inasmuch as the Associate Librarian, Sydney B. Mitchell, will be the Chairman of the new Department and the Reference Librarian and certain other members of the Library staff will continue to give instruction.

The courses opened this Fall with an enrollment of thirty students, more than half of them university graduates, the others seniors in the College of Letters and Science, who are devoting practically their whole time to this work. There have been two changes among the instructors. Evelyn Steele has withdrawn on account of her approaching marriage and Mrs. Margaret Carnegie Gauger, sometime instructor in the Pittsburgh Library School, is giving the work on selection of books for children.

## CURRENT LITERATURE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

"Yuletide Suggestions" is an annotated, graded list of books that children enjoy, compiled by Mildred Sandoe, children's librarian of the Savannah Public Library.

A facsimile reprint of the two supplementary volumes by Deschamps and Brunet to the *Manuel du Libraire et de l'Amateur de Livres*, by Brunet (Paris, 1860-65 6v.) has been made by the *Librarie Dorbon-Ainé*, Paris and New York. The price is 60 fr.

The October number of the *Library Messenger* published by the Missouri Library Commission is the Missouri Valley Library conference number, and gives in full papers and proceedings of the first A. L. A. regional meeting.

In the first number of the *Literary Digest International Book Review* (December) the Congressional Library is the subject of a poem by Amy Lowell, and librarians' views on the problem of Sense and Censorship are quoted at length by George MacAdam as reported by Mr. Feipel in recent numbers of the *LIBRARY JOURNAL*.

The monthly publication of the *Library Association Record* which has been edited by E. Cockburn Kyte, is to be discontinued with the December number, when the *Record* becomes a quarterly under the editorship of A. J. K. Esdaile of the British Museum Library. Captain Kyte, as already announced has joined the firm of John and Edward Bumpus, Ltd., booksellers.

"Mr. William Shakespeare: Original and Early Editions of his Quartos and Folios, his Source Books and those Containing Contemporary Notices," by Henrietta C. Bartlett, offers the good excuse for putting one more book about Shakespeare before the public that "it contains in one volume full and accurate descriptions of the first editions of a great many books in early English literature connected with him and gives their present location, and is, in fact, an attempt to bring together in compact form all the more important printed sources before 1640 from which we derive our knowledge of the . . . dramatist. . . ." (Yale).

"American Revolutionary War Pamphlets" is a mimeographed check-list recording the early editions and contemporary reprints of political pamphlets on the Revolution in the Newberry Library. "The collection, numbering at present

574 tracts is about equally proportioned between American and British publications so that considerable material is afforded for the study of . . . both parties concerned in the Revolutionary controversy and also for the study of the origins and development of American political institutions and ideas." The compilation, which is the work of Ruth Lapham does not record reprints which appeared later than 1786.

"Broadside, Ballads, &c, printed in Massachusetts 1639-1800" compiled by Worthington Chauncey Ford has just been published by the Massachusetts Historical Society, forming v. 75 of its series of "Collections." The list grew out of Mr. Ford's amusing himself, when in the Boston Public Library, by noting any broadside issue in Massachusetts between 1774 and 1783 "on a half-formed scheme of utilizing the items in a study of the civil aspects of the War of Independence." It was later added to as occasion offered and the growing interest in broadside material prompted the extension of the scope to include all broadsides issued in Massachusetts from the introduction of printing to the year 1800, resulting in a fine illustrated volume listing 3423 items.

### WANTED: MATERIAL ON EDGAR ALLEN POE

I am compiling a bibliography of the writings of Edgar Allen Poe, and am anxious to know the whereabouts of any letters or other mss. by him, now owned by libraries, or collectors who are willing to list them. I am particularly anxious to read any letters in which he refers to his writings, or such parts of letters as may guide me to the identification of his unsigned contributions to periodicals, but in addition wish to list by date and name of recipient those letters of his which survive, and also any letters addressed to Poe. The letters to Poe in Harrison's edition are of course known to me, as are those of Lowell. There are a very few others surviving.

I also wish to locate files or single issues of the following papers: The Philadelphia *Saturday Chronicle*, 1839-1840; The Baltimore *Saturday Visiter*, 1831-1832; 1834-1835; Baltimore *Republican*, June 13, 1835; Alexander's *Messenger*, Philadelphia: *Saturday Museum*, Philadelphia, 1843; Columbia (Pa.) *Spy*, 1844-1846; *New England Weekly Review*, Hartford, 1848, and a New York magazine, *The Aristidean*, 1845.

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- C. California State Library School.
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- D. Drexel Library School.
- Ill. University of Illinois Library School.
- L.A. Library School of the Los Angeles Public Library.
- N.Y.P.L. Library School of the New York Public Library.
- N.Y.S. New York State Library School.
- P. Pratt Institute School of Library Science.
- R. Riverside Library School.
- S. Simmons College School of Library Science.
- S.L. St. Louis Library School.
- Syr. Syracuse University Library School.
- U.C. University of California Course in Library Science.
- Wis. Wisconsin University Library School.
- W.R. Western Reserve Library School.
- Wash. University of Washington Library School.

CALLAN, Jessie, formerly in the Interstate Commerce Commission Library, has gone to Pittsburgh to develop a library for the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad.

FERGUSON, Kate D., is organizing a library for the Bank of Italy, San Francisco.

GOUGH, William, Aubrey, 1915-16, N.Y.P.L. is now an antiquarian bookseller at 41 E. 60th Street, New York City.

GRAY, Violet G., 1921-22, N.Y.P.L., is now librarian of the Starr Center Association, Philadelphia.

JAMIESON, Archibald F., 1920-21, N.Y.P.L., is now head cataloger, Hamilton (Ont.) Public Library.

KLAGER, Karoline, formerly of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is librarian of the recently established Institute of Economics, Washington D. C.

ORUP, HILDUR, of the Washington School for Business Librarians, class of 1922-23, has been appointed on the staff of the American consulate in Stockholm.

OSBORNE, Frances, appointed Branch Librarian for the new South East Branch of the Public Library of the District of Columbia effective December sixth. She is succeeded as chief of the order department by Mrs. Edith Moore.

PHELPS, (Mrs.) V. D., 1921-22, N.Y.P.L., appointed librarian of the Pelham (N. Y.) High School.

SQUIRE, Eva M., 1917 C. P., has gone to Pensacola, Fla., as Librarian of the U. S. Naval Air Station.

WHITTEMORE, Della, 1921 C. P., became High School Librarian at Hinsdale, Ill., on September 1, 1922.

WAYNE, Mabel A., 1915, Wis., librarian of the East Liberty Branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, has joined the Wisconsin Library Commission, and is succeeded by Marie L. Fisher, 1917 C. P., librarian Lawrenceville Branch, who is replaced by Sarah H. Shaw, 1917 C. P.

Students who completed the University of California courses in Library Science last year have accepted positions as follows: Margaret S. Buvens, librarian, Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside; Martha J. Coleman, Glen County Library; Mildred R. DeFerrari, Stanislaus County Library; May Dornin, librarian, Eureka High School; Helen A. Fee, Merced Library; Aimée A. Haines, Fresno County Library; Dorothy Y. Hall and Gertrude Holland, Berkeley Public Library; Jessie M. G. Hotson, University of Washington Library; Beulah L. Kenyon, Katharine R. McCreery, and Eunice Yip, University of California Library; Muriel M. Klette, Fresno County Library; Lois I. Mosgrove, Fresno County Library; Marjorie Richards, Sacramento Public Library; Dorothy Stine, Mills College Library; Edla T. Swanborn, librarian, Washington Union High School, Easton, Fresno County; Kara S. Whitcher, Bureau of Municipal Research, University of California; Dorothy M. I. Wilson, Stockton Public Library; Maria F. Wing, San Bernardino County Library.





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